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CYBORG

009

ATTENTION ALL SUBMARINES, WE ARE IN PURSUIT OF SUB 555!

555

SHNN

SHNN

IT'S BEEN HIJACKED BY THE CYBORGS.

555

001, ARE YOU CRAZY?!

101

WE'RE JOINING THE PURSUIT!

LET'S GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE!

WRONG! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO FOLLOW THEM...

THIS COULD BE OUR ONLY CHANCE!

RETRIEVE THAT SUB AT ALL COSTS...

...EVEN IF WE HAVE TO GATHER IT PIECE BY PIECE.

EXACTLY.

DESPITE US BARELY ESCAPING IT ONCE, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT ISLAND?

WHAT? SO THAT MEANS...

...STRAIGHT TO THE BLACK GHOST'S HEAD-QUARTERS!

701

BESIDES, THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPOR-TUNITY...

WE HAVE TO. IF WE DIVERT OUR PATH, THEY'LL NOTICE US.

...ONCE AND FOR ALL.

...TO TRACK DOWN THE BLACK GHOST.

AND GET RID OF HIM...

SUB 555, SURRENDER YOUR VESSEL!

555

WE SHOULD BE WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF THE BASE...

AND HOW DO WE PLAN ON EXECUTING THIS PLAN?

101

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY IN FIVE MINUTES, YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED!

BY THEN, WE SHOULD BE CLOSE ENOUGH IN SUB 101...

...AND FIND THAT WE'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

...WHEN THEY DESTROY SUB 555...

101

YIKES...

...WE SHOULD REACH THE ISLAND WITHIN THE HOUR.

ON OUR PRESENT COURSE...

...TO BLOW UP THE ENTIRE ISLAND!

GOTCHA!

YES, WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME. CYBORGS DEPART. I'LL STAY HERE WITH 003 AND DR. GILMORE!

SO WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO GET READY.

RIGHT.

WE DON'T WANT ANY WATER GETTING IN HERE.

DR. GILMORE, SEAL THE HATCH!

KACHAK

BE QUIET AND GET MOVING!

NO-THING'S EASY WITH 001.

HEH, GEEZ.

BE CAREFUL! DON'T LET THOSE DOLPHINS SPOT US.

003, YOU HAVE TO HOLD BACK ANY SYMPATHY FOR THOSE MEN.

BUT, WE CAN'T JUST...

DR. GILMORE, THE TOR-PEDOES ARE READY.

TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK

TEN SECONDS AND COUNTING.

...FIRE!

WE DON'T WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO OURSELVES BY NOT FIRING. DR. GILMORE...

PSHUU

CHAK

SHH.

THAT COULD'VE BEEN US.

AMEN!

SO LONG, SUB 555.

HERE COMES A DOLPHIN.

SQUEE

TOO LATE! HE SPOTTED US!

ZA ZA ZA

I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT, BUT WE CAN'T BE DISCOVERED.

CLIMB!

GOOD.

I DON'T SEE ANY OTHERS.

OKAY, ALL CLEAR.

HURRY!

SO

SO

SO

!

SHOULD I TAKE HIM OUT?

WELL, WE CAN'T LET HIM SEE US.

FFT

GET DOWN!

I THINK WE CAN SNEAK PAST THIS ONE.

NOW WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL THIS ALERT.

WOW, THAT'S ONE HECK OF A GUARD!

HUH...

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
OH CRAP.
SQUAkk!!
GUH.
DAMN.
SQLAK
SQUAK
SQJAK
SQUAK
SQUAK
HE'S ALERT NOW!

CHAK

GUH.

CHAK

LET'S NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES!

HE NEVER EVEN SAW WHAT HIT HIM.

DO YOU THINK HE ALERTED ANY OTHER SENTRIES?

ZZT

WAY TO GO, JOE!

THERE'S THE EN-TRANCE TO SECTION C.

WE'RE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE BASE!

?

?

BOING

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.

HEH HEH. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

SO HOW DO WE GET IN?

JUST WAIT. YOU'LL SEE.

NO! I'M A SCIENTIST!

OH YES, NAKED OLD MEN TEND NOT TO GET NOTICED.

HEH HEH.

POKE

ACHOO!!!

WHO'S THERE?

CHAK

ACHOO! I WISH I KNEW...

DR. CROFTS! WHERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES?

ACHOO, ACHOO! I-IT'S CROFTS...

NOT ONLY THAT...

DR. CROFTS HASN'T LEFT THE FACILITY TODAY.

WAIT.

I WAS TAKING A SWIM IN THE OCEAN AND THEY BLEW AWAY. *ACHOO!*

BUDDA BUDDA

...HE CAN'T SWIM!

WAH, W... WAIT.

THIS WAY.

OKAY, LET'S HURRY. WE HAVE FORTY MINUTES LEFT.

IDIOT!

WHOA! CLOSE CALL!

DOWN HERE.

WHERE DO THEY STORE THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL?

LET'S GO!

AND MAKE ROOM FOR 006!

STAND ASIDE...

YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN, 009...

ROBOT SENTRIES!

SOMEONE NEEDS TO DETONATE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

WEE-OO
WEE-OO
HOW LONG BEFORE THE FLEET ARRIVES?
THOSE DRONES MUSTA BUZZED HOME.
OKAY.
WE CAN TAKE MORE OF THEM OUT IF WE SEPARATE.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SPLIT UP.
FIVE MINUTES.
MEET YOU GUYS BACK HERE IN TEN MINUTES.

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
FWOOM
HEY, IS IT A LITTLE WARM IN HERE?
WHAT?!

WATCH OUT, COMMAN-DER!!

COMMAN-DER? HE'S THE...

BANG

TMP

BAA

BANG

UGHH

ZUT

GEHH.

BUDDA

BUDDA

BANG

ZUT

CHAK

HE ACCELERATED!

HE'S GONE!

WHERE IS HE?

BWA

HA

HA

HA

HA

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BWA

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BWA

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HE'S CLOSE!

WHAT'S THE SOUND?

BWA

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HA

HA

BWAA

DO

DO

DO

DO

009!!

WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR 009!

ALL HERE?

THE NUKES ARE GONNA BLOW IN SECONDS!

TOO LATE...

DIVE!!

OOH!!

LOOK OUT!

BASHA

BASHA

...WHY WERE YOU SO SLOW?

DAMN IT, 009...

OF COURSE I'M CRYING.

ARE YOU CRYING, 007?

...HE WAS AS GOOD AS THEY COME.

POOR BLOKE...

BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE SURVIVED THAT BLAST.

HE WAS BUILT BETTER THAN ANY OF US...

WE WERE WORRIED.

WHAT HELD YOU UP?

009...

...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SORRY, GUYS.

SOB SOB チョキ...

009 IS DEAD.

AND HE'S COME TO HAUNT ME!

I THINK SO. HE WORE A MASK WITH A BLACK SKULL ON IT.

YOU MEAN THE BLACK GHOST HIMSELF?

THE COMMAN-DER?

I RAN INTO THE COMMANDER.

JUST AS I WAS LEAVING...

HE THREW HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH AND ESCAPED.

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN CHASING HIM, I FORGOT ABOUT THE TIME.

101

APPARENTLY. I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE BOMB...

HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH? HE'S A CYBORG TOO?

HEY.

...JUST IN TIME TO ESCAPE.

GOOD THING I HAVE AN ACCELERATION SWITCH TOO--

OR YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT.

THEY'RE HEADING BACK TO BASE.

WHO GAVE THE COMMAND?

RIGHT!

I DID.

LOOK, THE OTHER SUBMARINES HAVE MOBILIZED!

AND THEY'LL ARRIVE TO UTTER DESTRUCTION.

HEH HEH. GOOD SHOW, SPROG.

I SEE.

... TO INVADE THE CYBORG BASE.

I GAVE THEM THE ORDER...

WE WILL ALSO DEPART.

Attention all subs. Return to base!

ME HEART BLEEDS FOR THE BUGGERS.

...TO X ISLAND AGAIN, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON TAKING US...

NO, WE ARE BOUND FOR JAPAN!

...DR. KOZUMI.

HE'S AN OLD COLLEAGUE OF MINE FROM HARVARD. A BIOLOGIST...

I HAVE A VERY GOOD FRIEND IN JAPAN.

EXACTLY. JAPAN!

JAPAN!

JAPAN?

SET COURSE FOR JAPAN.

...WHILE WE DETERMINE OUR NEXT COURSE OF ACTION.

HE CAN OFFER US REFUGE...

YES.

009 IS FROM JAPAN, RIGHT?

!

?

JAPAN...

BSHAA

BLUB

BLUB

BLUB

GO

GO

GO

BWA

HA

HA

HA

HA

Cyborgs!

Ha ha ha ha!

You did pretty well...

... but ...

GASHAA

Bwa ha ha ha ha.

The world has already played too far into our schemes!

You'll never see the end of Black Ghost!

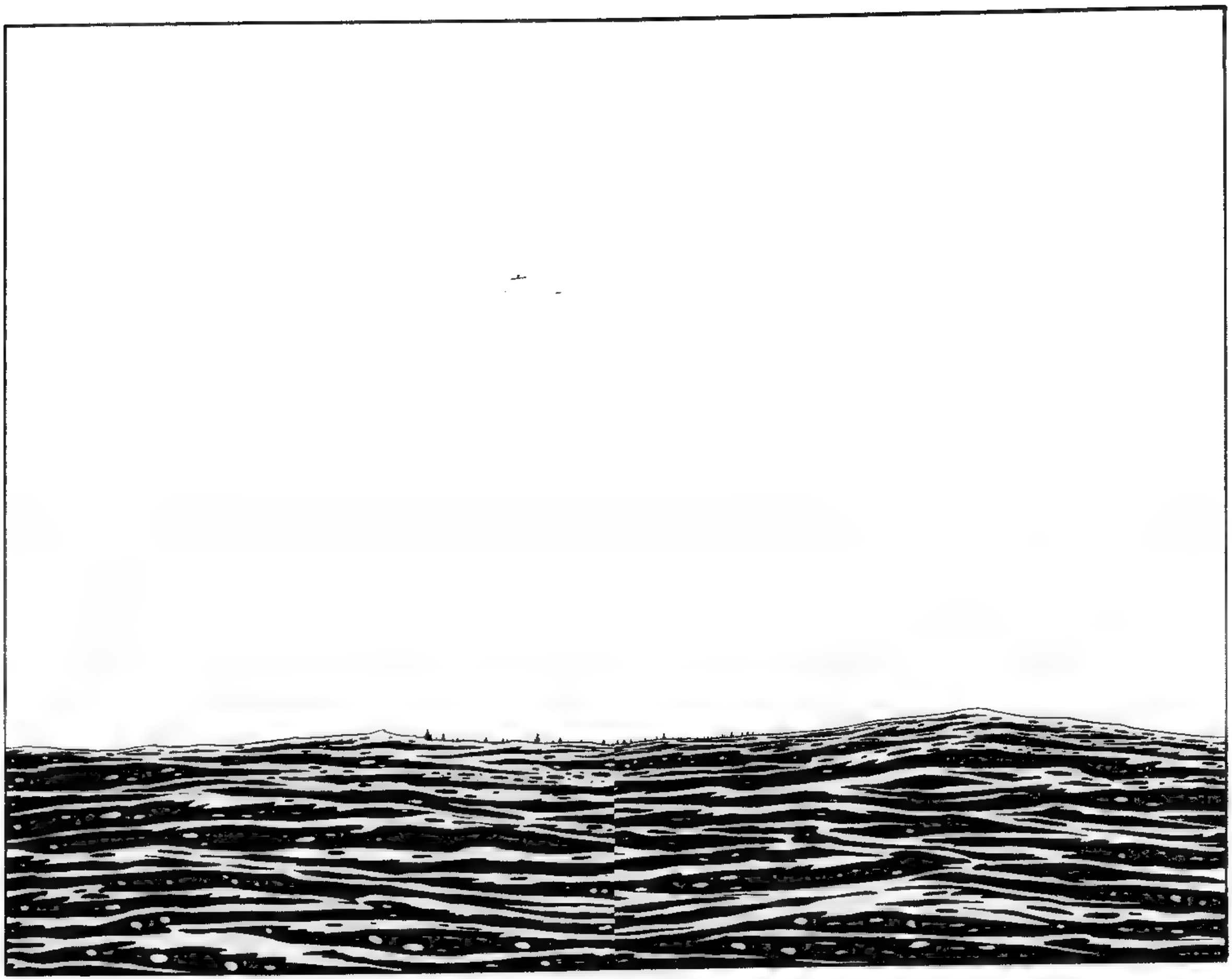
...you haven't seen the last of the Black Ghost!

On to command center 2...where we will plot our revenge.

Follow me, my minions! So they destroy one base!

We have more than they can even imagine!

BWA HA BWA HA HA HA



End of Part I

Cyborg 009 Part II
The Black Ghost

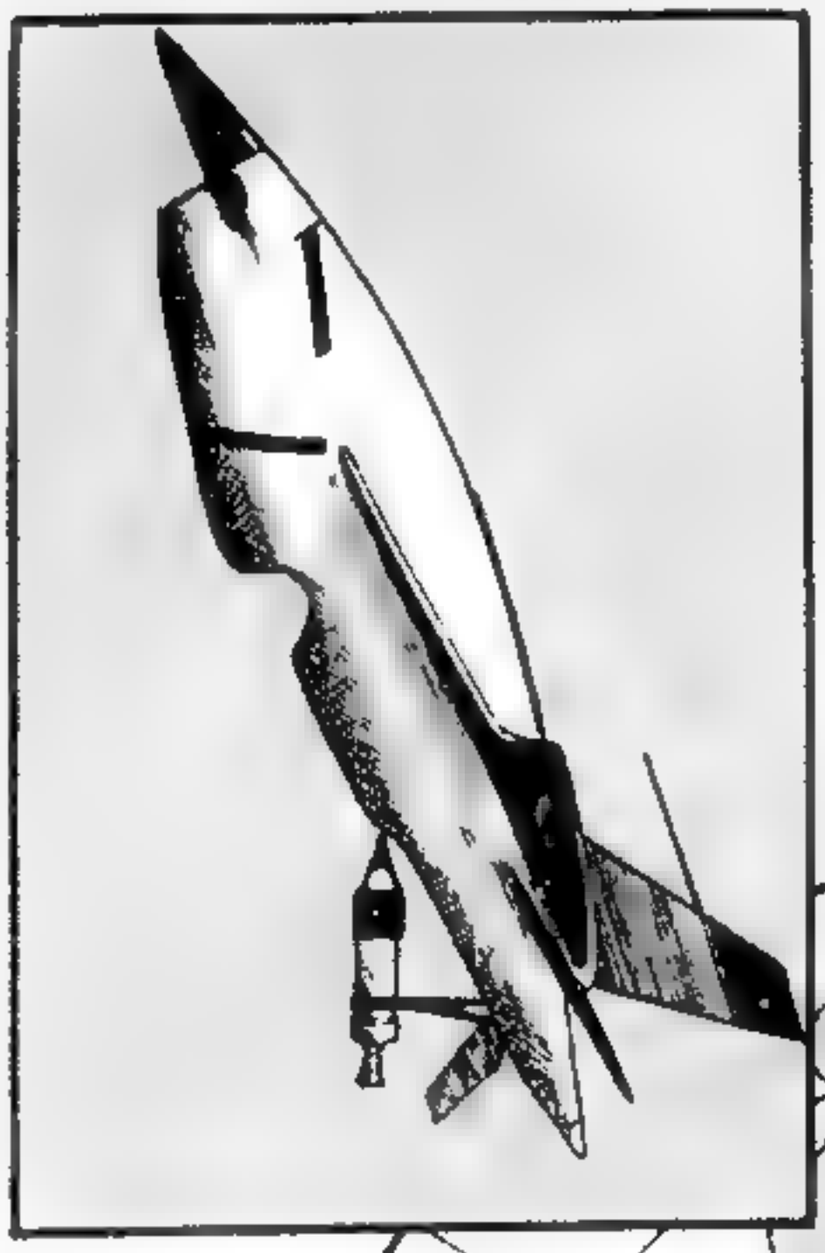
March 1965. Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Leonov of the Voskhod 2 performs the first space walk.

July 21, 1969. America's Apollo 11 executes mankind's first lunar landing.

The US/Soviet space race grows more fierce every year.

PROLOGUE

Fire B Unmanned Reconnaissance Plane



Immediately following Apollo 11, the U.S. congress implemented a "military affairs use" program.

Military satellite...

Samos Satellite

South Vietnam

Laos

China

Soviet Union

Pacific Ocean

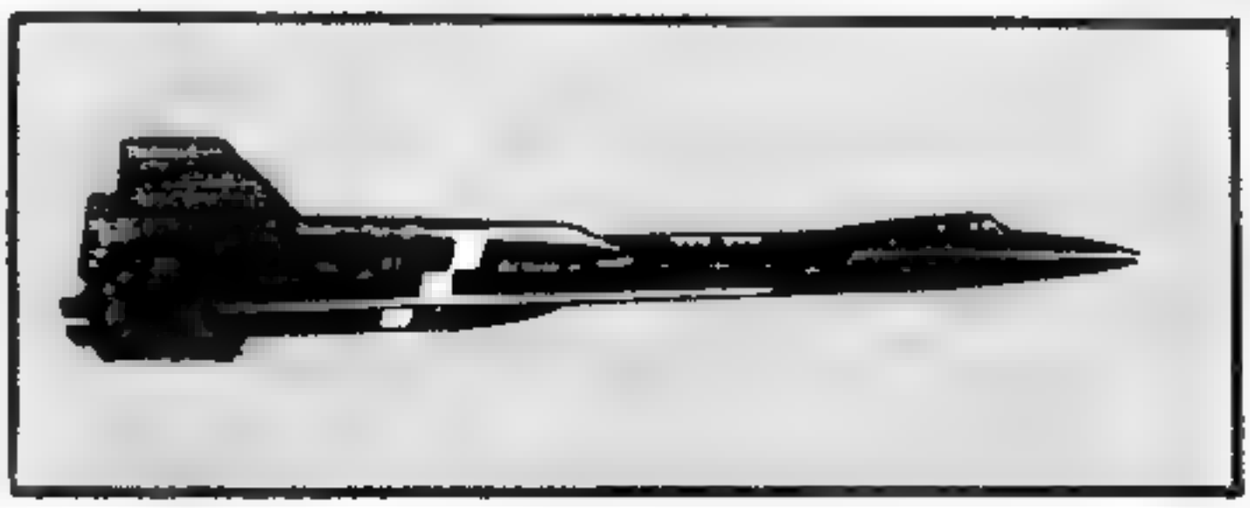
Canada

U.S.A.

Atlantic Ocean

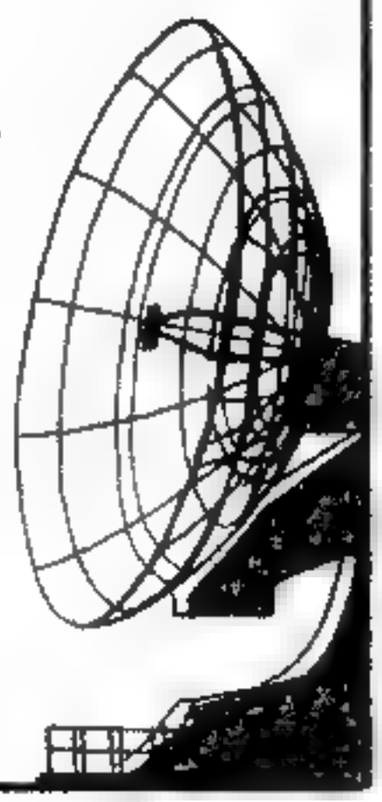
Soviet Spy Satellite

YF12A Interceptor Jet



U2 Bomber

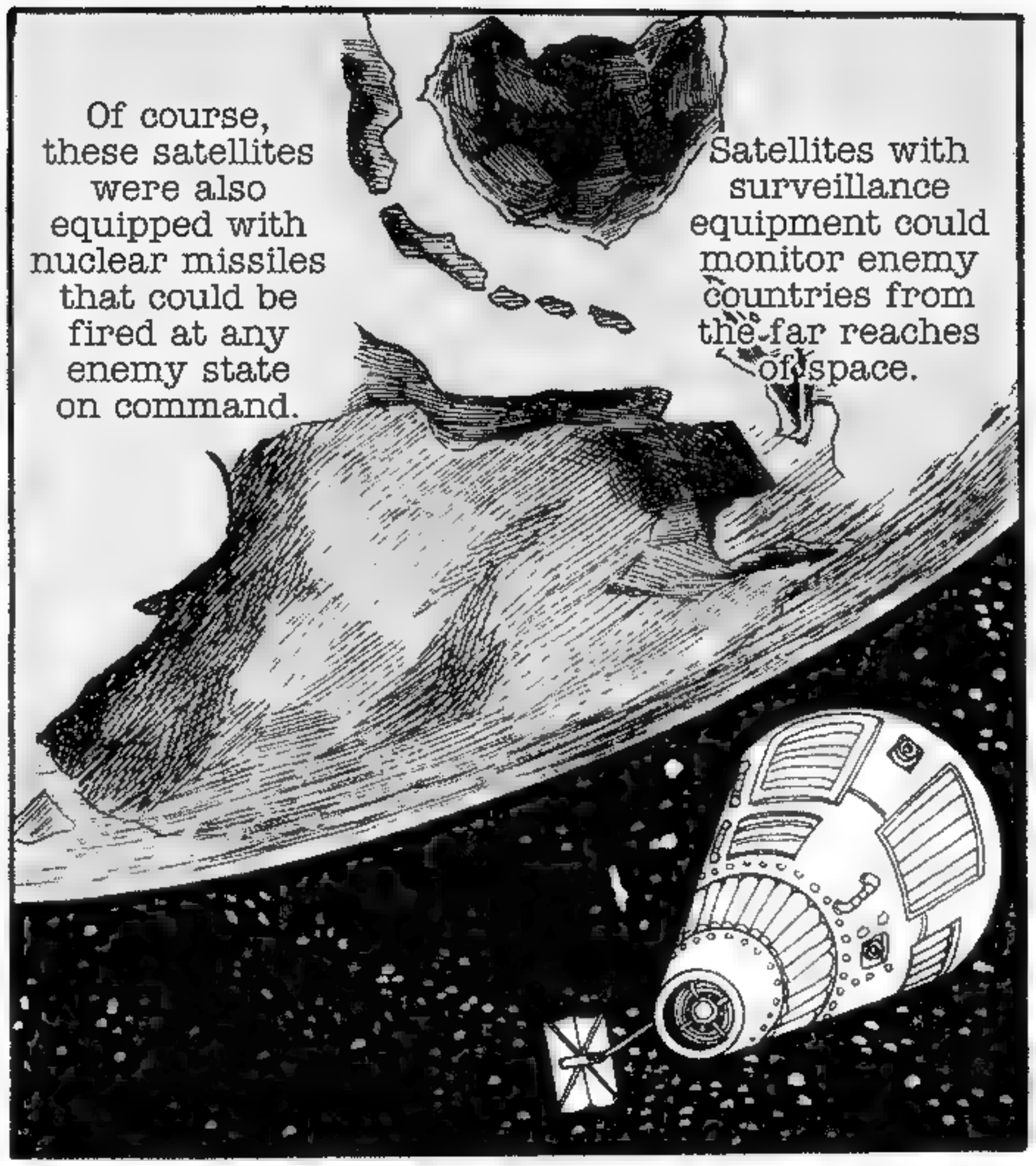
The nations that developed these "armed satellites" became super powers.



They used this power to exercise their authority over the world.

Of course, these satellites were also equipped with nuclear missiles that could be fired at any enemy state on command.

Satellites with surveillance equipment could monitor enemy countries from the far reaches of space.



However, unbeknownst to the world powers, a secret organization with ambitions of world domination had also grown out of the fear and anxiety of the Cold War...

The United States and the Soviet Union both poured massive resources into these programs.

...The Black Ghost.

However, the Black Ghost's ultimate weapon, a team of nine cyborg warriors designed to carry Earth's military struggle into space, made its escape with the help of Dr. Gilmore, one of the leading scientists in the cyborg project. The Black Ghost himself has dispatched nearly his entire force to assassinate the traitors!

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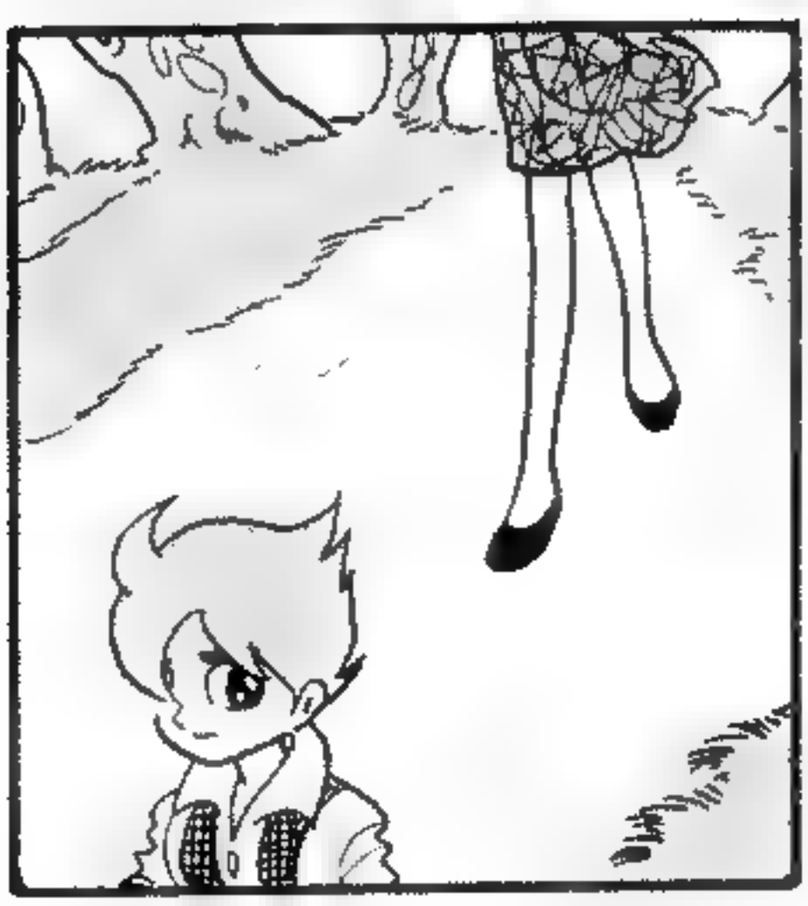
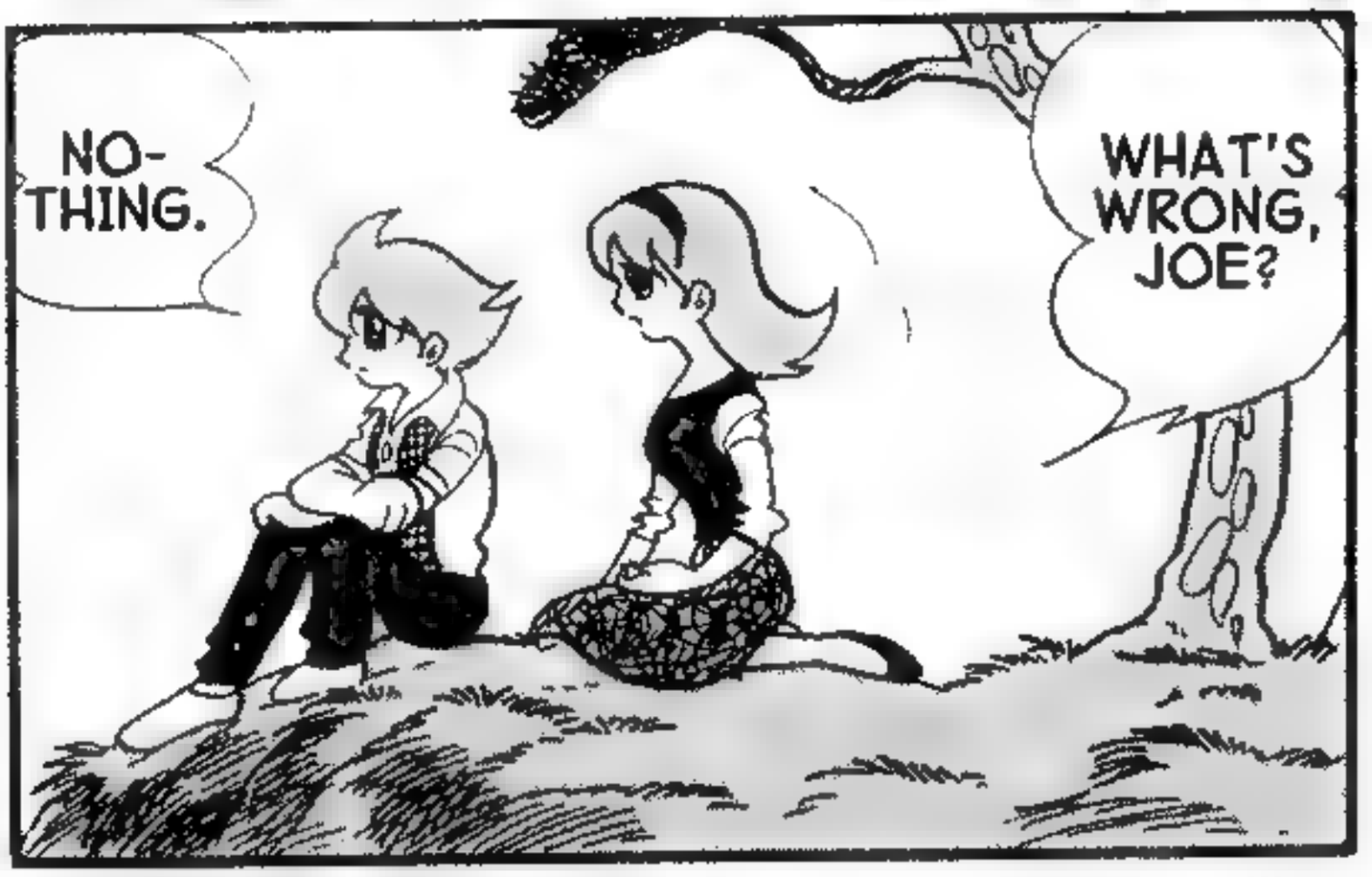
CHAPTER 9
ASSASSINS





OH JOE, BE AT PEACE. THEY'RE GONE NOW. DESTROYED ALONG WITH THAT ISLAND.

DO YOU THINK SO?

DO YOU THINK THE BLACK GHOST IS REALLY GONE?

THINGS ARE SO CALM AND PEACEFUL HERE. IT'S ALMOST... UNSETTLING.

THAN AN ORGANIZATION THAT THRIVES ON DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

NOTHING SCARES ME MORE...

WHAT IS IT, ARNOUL? DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

.....

SHH!

THEIR LEADER HAD AN ACCELERATION SWITCH LIKE ME. WHAT IF...?

NO, I DON'T THINK SO. I COULD MAKE OUT THE WORD "MEDICINE."

THE BLACK GHOST?

HURRY! LET'S GET BACK.

WHAT!

SOMEONE HAS BROKEN INTO DR. GILMORE'S HOUSE!

WHAT'S WRONG?

*Kozumi

REALLY.

MEDICINE?

DR. KOZUMI, WE HAVE AN INTRUDER.

ARE WE IN DANGER?

I BELIEVE THEY'RE TRYING TO STEAL YOUR MEDICINES.

LOOK OVER THERE.

DR. KOZUMI, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

AND THAT I'M HOLDING OUT ON THEM.

CORRECT! BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT I HAVE.

KLIK

YEAH, BUT YOU SAID YOU HADN'T PERFECTED IT YET.

A FORMULA TO PROLONG YOUTH... PERHAPS EVEN GRANT IMMOR-TALITY.

I MENTIONED IT TO YOU YESTERDAY. THE POTION...

THEY DON'T SEEM TOO WORRIED.

HAH! SO THEY WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT EVEN IF THEY DID FIND IT...

WHAT I HAVE NOW IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOP-MENT.

OF COURSE. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS NOW.

KLIK

DID YOU REFUSE?

ONE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY HAS ALREADY OFFERED ME A NOT SO SMALL FORTUNE FOR IT.

KLIK

BECAUSE YOUR TEAM IS ON THE CASE.

WHY IS THAT?

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

MAYBE WE SHOULD HIDE IT--

DR. KOZUMI, WHERE IS THIS FORMULA?

CHANK

OKAY.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE, DR. KOZUMI. LET'S GO ARNOUL.

DA

DA

DA

VMM

WELL, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE BUSY, BUT COULD YOU GIVE ME HAND?

DON'T YOU FIND THE LIVING QUARTERS AT ALL...CRAMPED, TO SAY THE LEAST?

KRAK

DA

DA

DA

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING? EXPANDING AGAIN?

WHAT DO YOU NEED, JOE?

SURE, MATE.

I WANT TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT.

COME WITH ME!

.....

THEY SHOULD BE HERE ANY...

FEELS LIKE A STORM IS COMING.

WHOA. A BIT DRAFTY, IN'IT?

LOOK!

SEVEN OF THEM.

HERE THEY COME!

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

WHAT'S THAT?

WHUMP

WHAT?

HMM... WE WERE GOING TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION.

GUH.

GRAB

AH, A BLEEDING FIBBER, EH?!

WE WERE JUST MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS AND...

WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?!

ZAA

POW

UGHH.

WHAP

GUHH.

DAMN.

BANG

BANG

UGH.

ARGH.

GRAB

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

WHAT? I SHOT HIM! WHY'D HE STILL STANDING?

PING

PING

UGH.

BAM

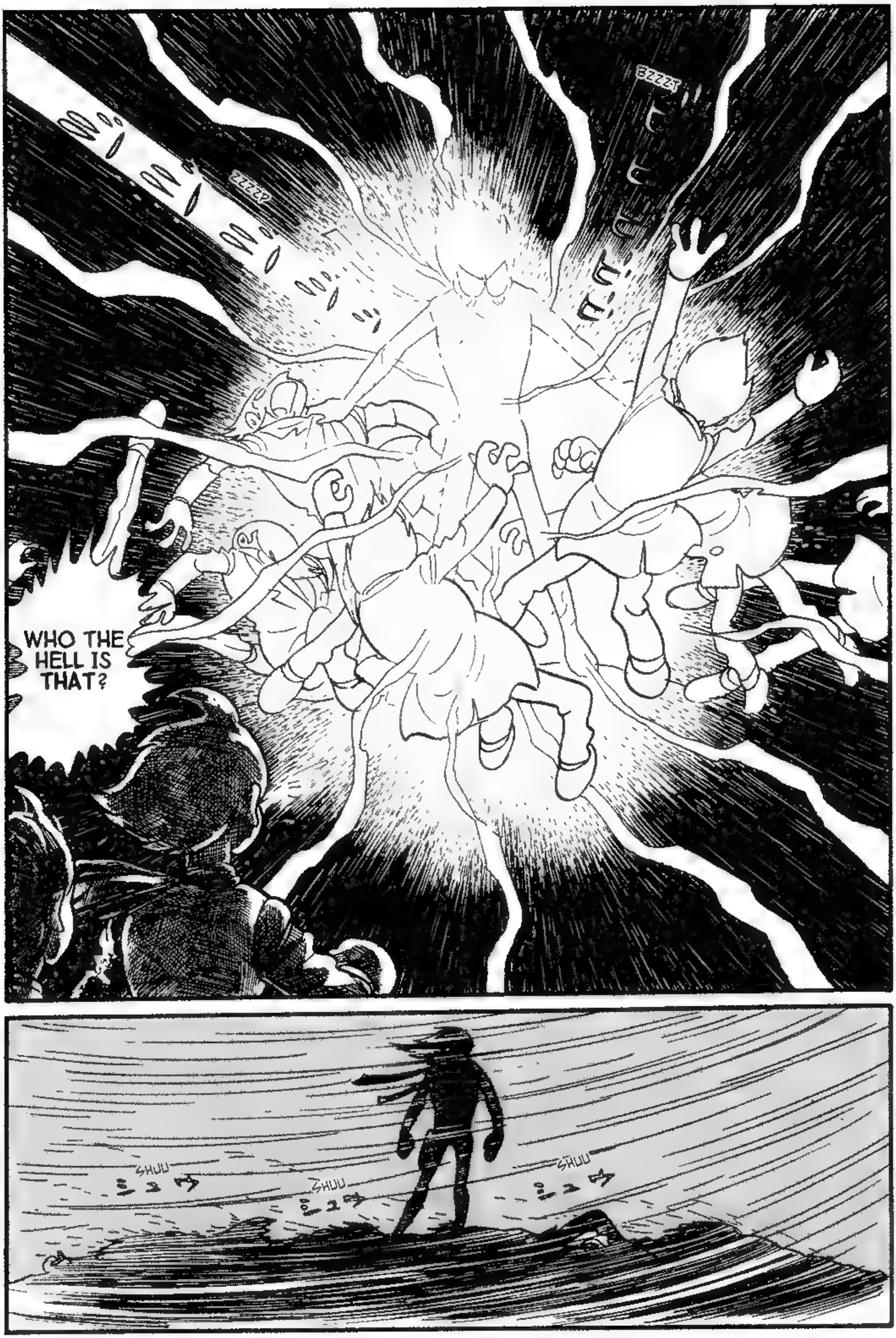
BAM

BAM

BAM

AIEE!

AIEEE.


ZZZZP
BZZZT
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU

YOU CAN CALL ME...

...00101

WSSH

WHAT?!

GAAA

HA HA HA.

HA HA HA HA...

WSSSH

.....

I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOUR LIVES.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

HEH.

WATCH OUT!

TMP

IT'S USELESS!

HAH! THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING.

...AND I WILL NOT FAIL!

I'VE BEEN SENT TO KILL YOU ALL...

WAIT, 0010.

WE CAN MAKE THIS QUICK AND PAINLESS... OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO FIGHT.

.....

...TELL US WHO SENT YOU!

BEFORE YOU KILL US...

CRACKLE

IS IT THE BLACK GHOST?

DAMN.

THEN THAT MEANS HE DIDN'T DIE AT X ISLAND!

HOW KEEN! YES! I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM BLACK GHOST.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

THE TRAITORS MUST DIE!

FWP

WAIT, 0010!

ARE YOU NOT OUR BROTHER?

JOIN US INSTEAD IN STOP-PING HIM!

THE AIM OF HIS ORGANIZATION IS BRING THE WORLD TO ITS KNEES!

THE BLACK GHOST HAS LIED TO YOU.

KYAAA!

GRIN ニヤリ

003! HE'S GOING TO...!!!

NO!!!

ACK.

CRIKEY.

UGHHH.

HEH HEH HEH. YOUR PELLETS CAN'T HARM ME.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BA

BA

BA

PING

HM.

BUDDA

KA!

GAH!

UHH...

HA HA
HA HA
HA HA.

THUD

DAMN IT, 0010...

UHH...

WSSH

GAA

ENOUGH! THIS ENDS NOW!

HAH! I AGREE COMPLETELY! THE END HAS COME.

AN ACCELE-RATION SWITCH? HOW QUAINT.

ZUT

CHAK

CLICK

CHAK

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

I WAS DEVELOPED AFTER YOU, 009. I'M SUPERIOR TO YOU IN EVERY WAY!

IT'S A HANDY DEVICE... IF NO ONE ELSE HAS ONE.

HUH?

GAK

HA!

YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE ME!

BOOM

UH.

BAM

HUH?

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

NOT BAD.

HMPH.

BZZT

!.....

ZZT

HA HA HA HA.

CRACKLE

ARGH.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

DIE!!

WHERE ...?!

CRACKLE

YOU'RE A SLIPPERY ONE.

BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE FOREVER!

DAMN!

WHAT...

WHAT WAS I DOING?

NNGG. MY HEAD.

WHAT?!

THERE YOU ARE!

HUH?!

I'M AWAKE BUT...

...WHERE AM I?

WAIT.

HUH?

LACHAK

LACHAK

OH NO.

VHAM

TWO OF YOU?

HE IS KEEN!

HOW TOUGH CAN MASS PRODUCED ROBOTS BE?

HA HA HA. TRY CYBERNETIC TWINS.

ALONE, EACH OF US IS A POWERFUL FORCE...

...BUT TOGETHER, WE ARE AN UNBEATABLE FORCE.

ALL RIGHT. SO I'LL BEAT TWO OF YOU.

WH--?

YOU ARE FINISHED!

?

PLUS!

MINUS!

BZZT

BZZT

CRACKLE

AGGGGG!!!

BZZT

OO.. OO.. OO.. OO.. OO..

BZZT

OO.. OO.. OO..

CRACKLE

FFT

HIS ACCELERATION SWITCH EXCEEDS MACH FIVE?

THAT CAN'T BE! WE'RE SUPERIOR TO HIM.

THAT WASN'T...

...'SPOSED TO HAPPEN!

WHAT?

HUH?

FLASH

BUT WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?

MAYBE HE'S AUGMENTED WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY.

I'M PULLING AWAY, MINUS!

WATCH OUT, PLUS! WE'RE GETTING TOO CLOSE!

WSSH

WSSH

.....

.....

SPLASH

DO

DO

DO

DO

OOH!

OOH!

ZA

ZA

ZA

WHAT? 001? WHAT HAPPENED?

GLAD TO SEE YOU SURVIVED, 009.

GASP.

IF I FOCUS, I CAN TELEPORT MATTER FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER.

I SAVED YOU.

HOW?

A NEW POWER I LEARNED.

SO THE 0010 CYBORGS ARE STILL OUT THERE?

I USED THE MOMENT PRECISELY AFTER YOU WERE KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY 0010 TO SNATCH YOU AWAY FROM THE DANGER.

BUT, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POWER! HOW COULD...?

SO FAR, IT ONLY WORKS ON PEOPLE WITHIN OUR GROUP WHO ARE WILLING TO BE TELEPORTED.

FEAR NOT, 009. I'VE DISCOVERED A WEAKNESS IN THE TWINS.

DAMN.

YES. THEY'RE NOT FAR FROM YOU NOW.

BUT THEY'RE LIKE ELECTRIC EELS. IF THEY GET TOO CLOSE, THE RESULTS COULD BE QUITE... FORGIVE THE PUN... SHOCKING.

THEIR POWER COMES FROM THE ELECTRIC CHARGE THE TWO CAN GENERATE. ONE CARRIES A POSITIVE CHARGE, THE OTHER A NEGATIVE.

AH, MR. KEEN!

YOU'RE BACK.

MINUS, HEAD HIM OFF!

WHOA!

GOT HIM!

BAM

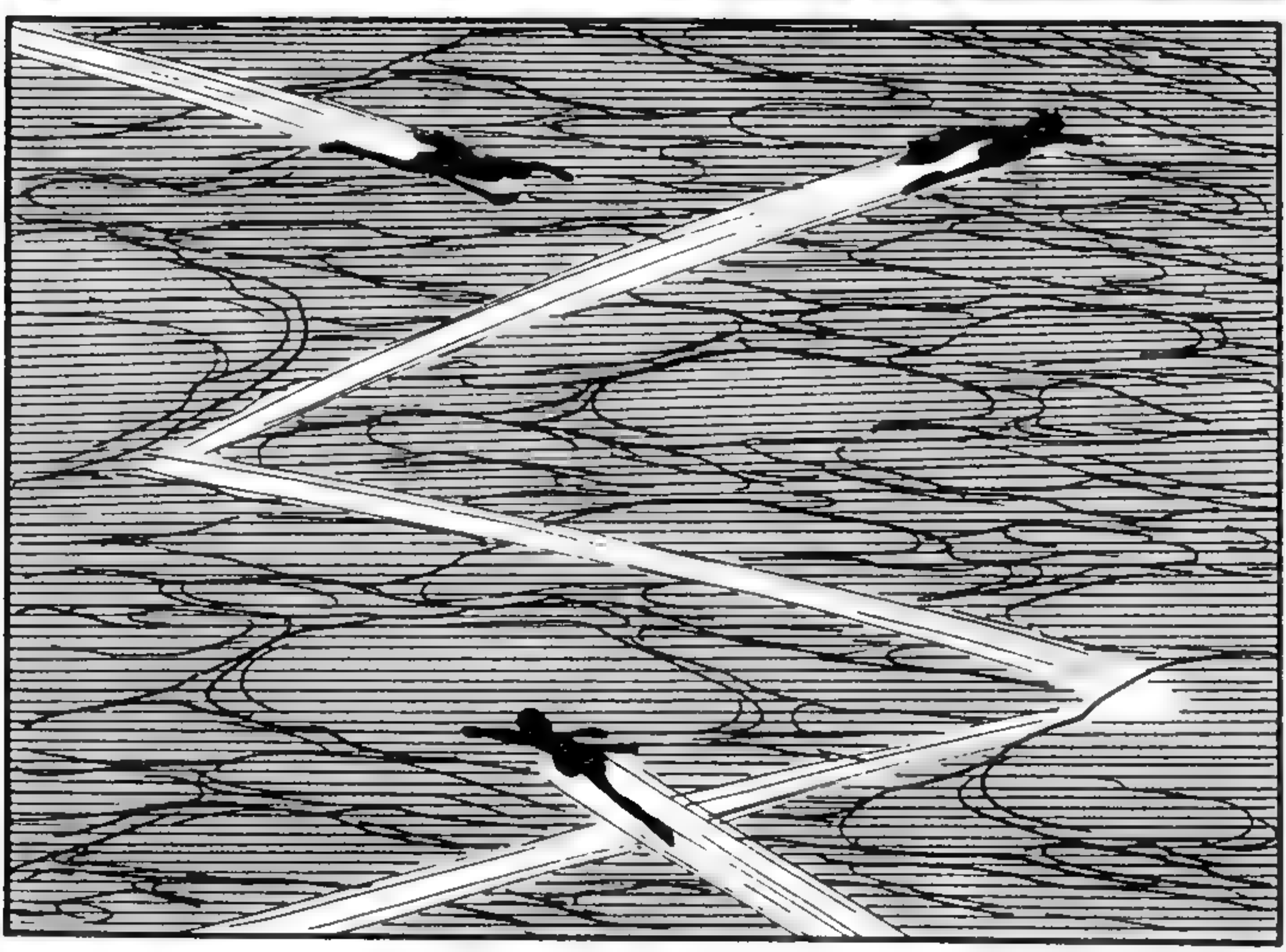
BZZT

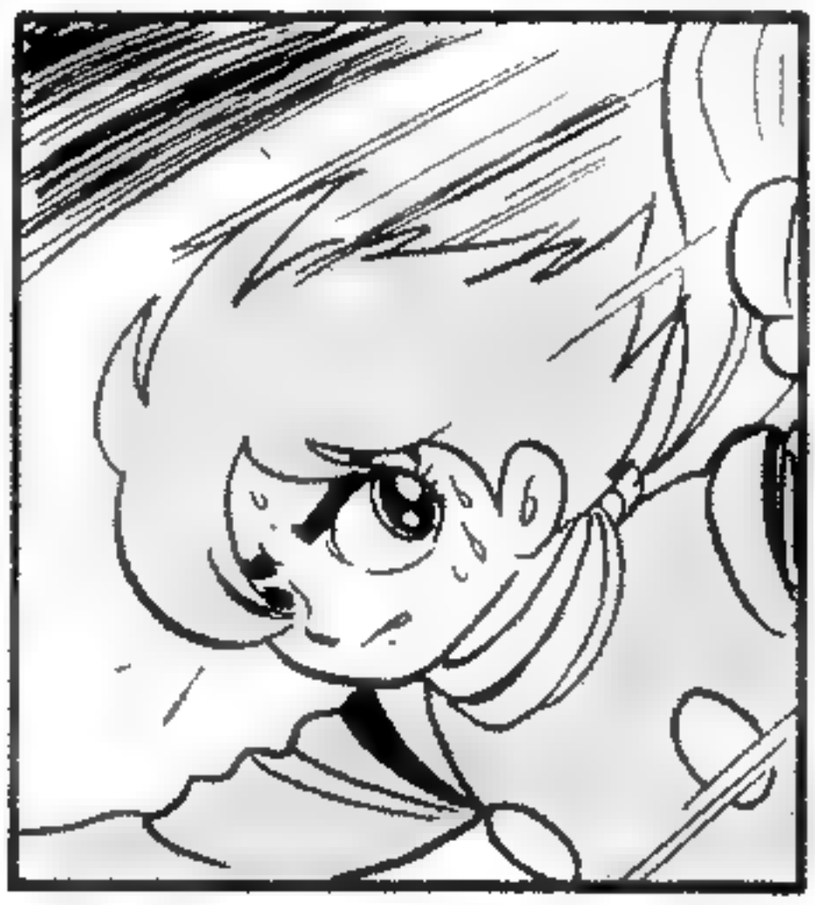
BZZT

BAM

NIMBLE LITTLE IMP, ISN'T HE? CAN'T PIN HIM DOWN!

DAMN.





IT'S A TRICK!

MINUS! WATCH OUT!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

FLASH

BZZZT

ZZZZAP

...THEIR POWER BECOMES NEUTRA-LIZED.

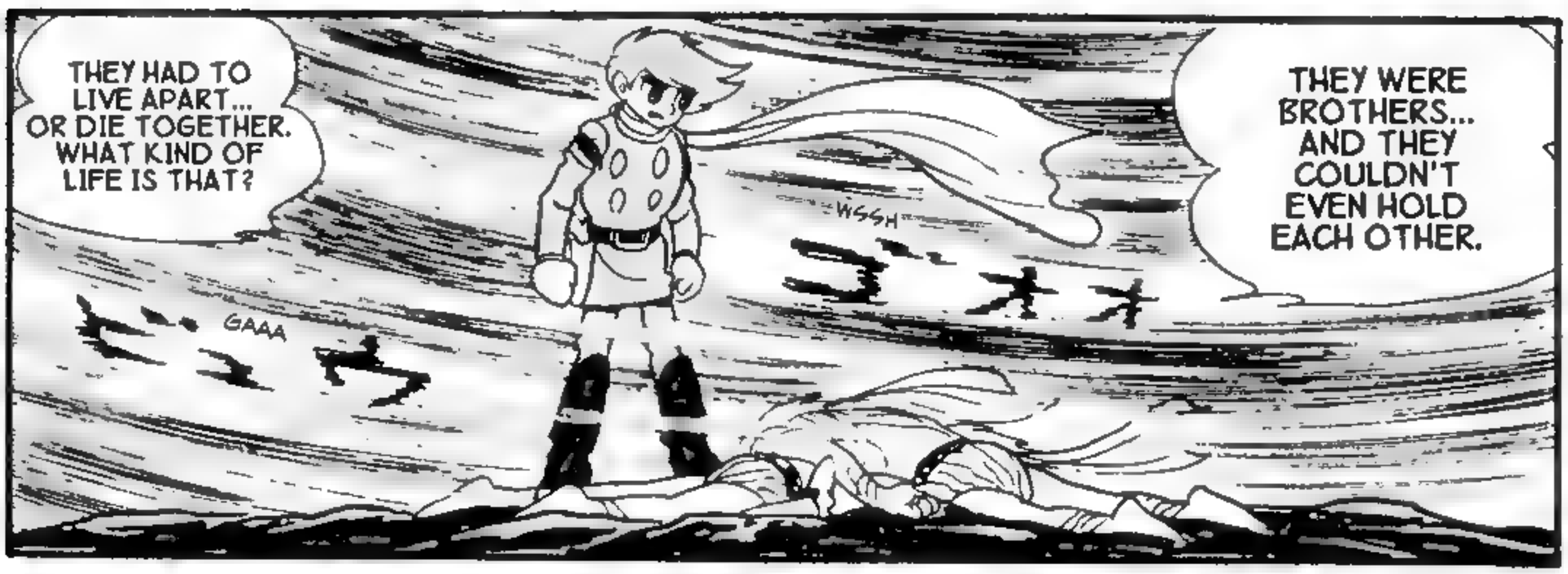
CHAK

AND WITHOUT POWER...

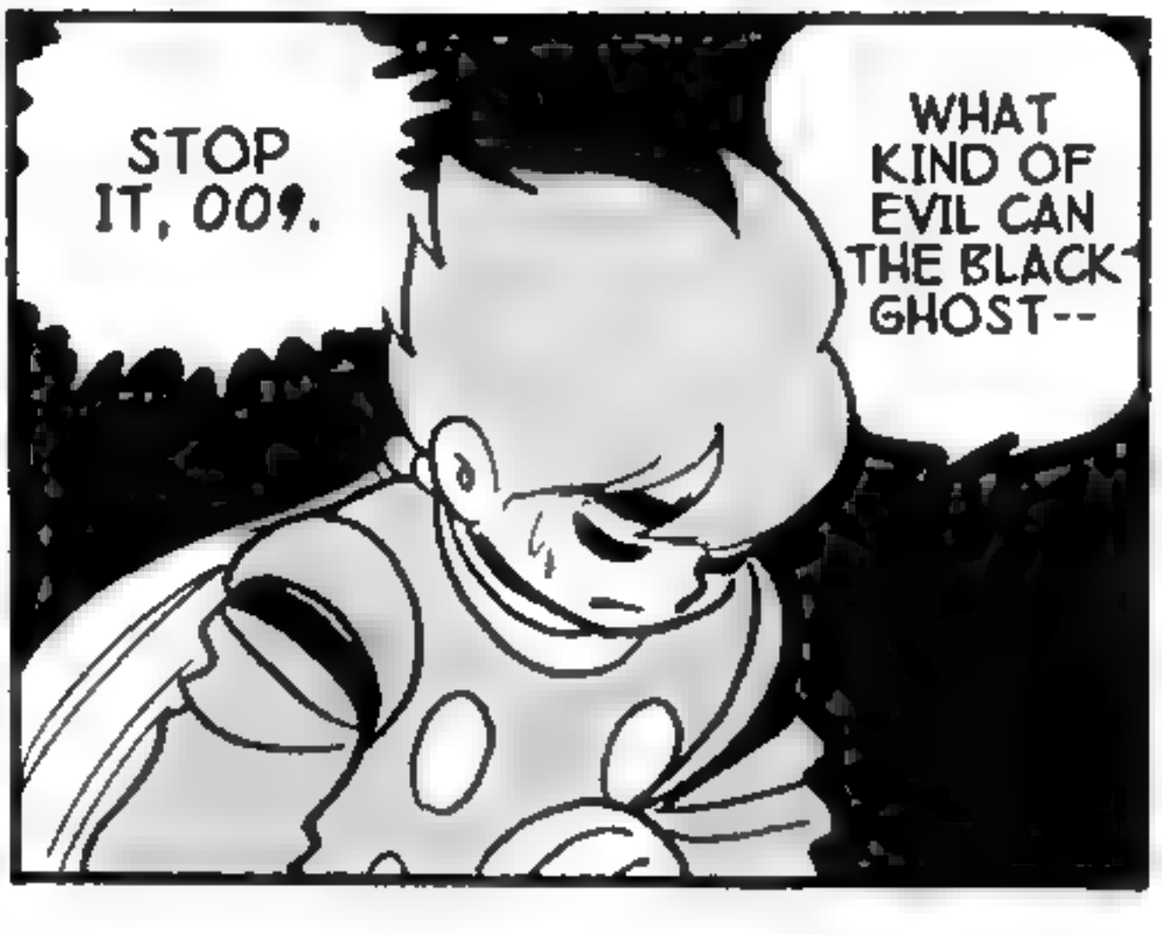
...CYBORGS DIE.

GOOD WORK, 009.

WHEN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CHARGES COLLIDE...


THEY HAD TO LIVE APART... OR DIE TOGETHER. WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THAT?
GAAA
WSSH
THEY WERE BROTHERS... AND THEY COULDN'T EVEN HOLD EACH OTHER.

ANYTHING SERIOUS?
WE HAVE TO TEND TO THE WOUNDED. RETURN AT ONCE.

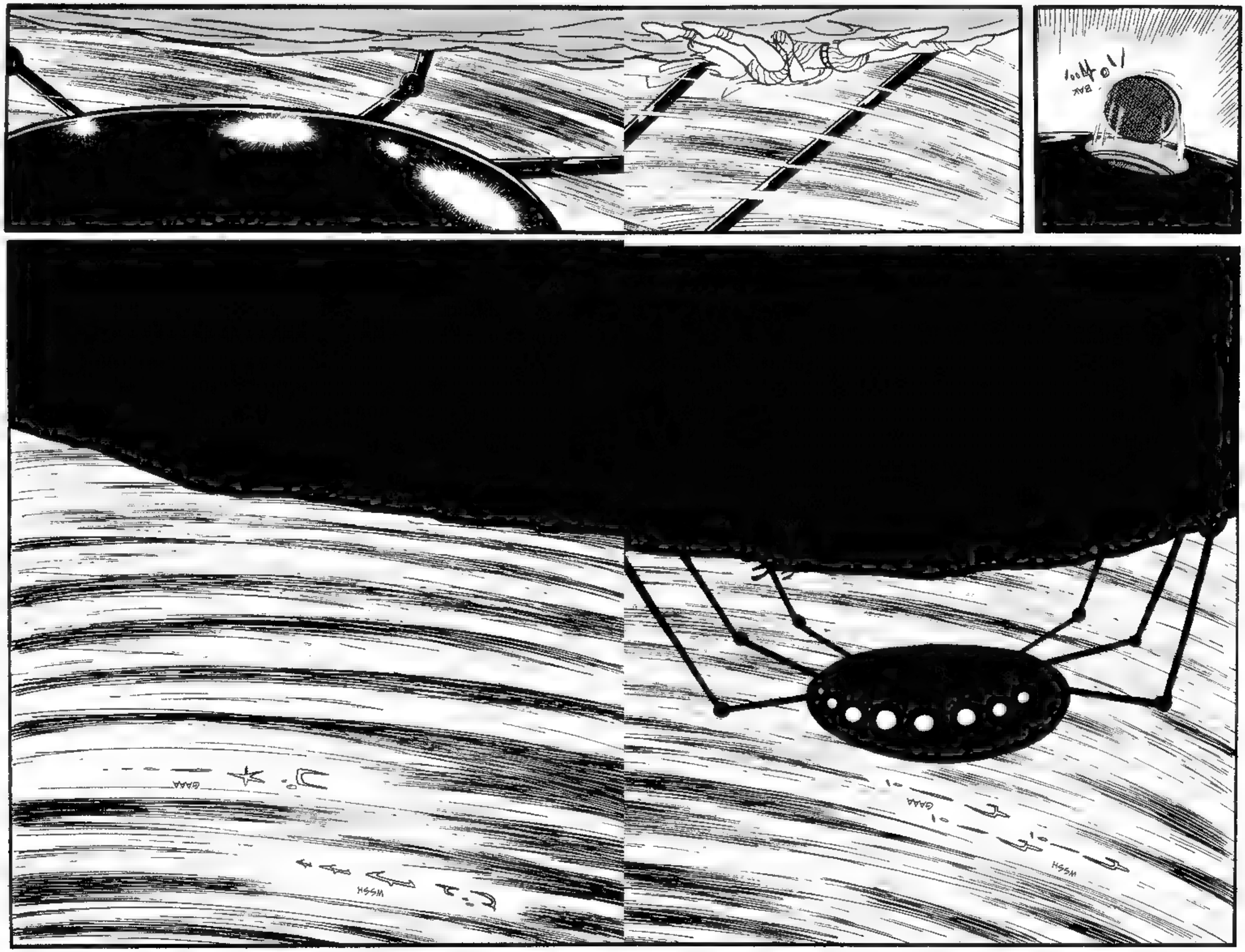

STOP IT, 009.
WHAT KIND OF EVIL CAN THE BLACK GHOST--

GARA GARA GARA

I'M ON MY WAY.

DON'T WORRY. EVERYONE WILL PULL THROUGH.

GACHAK GACHAK GACHAK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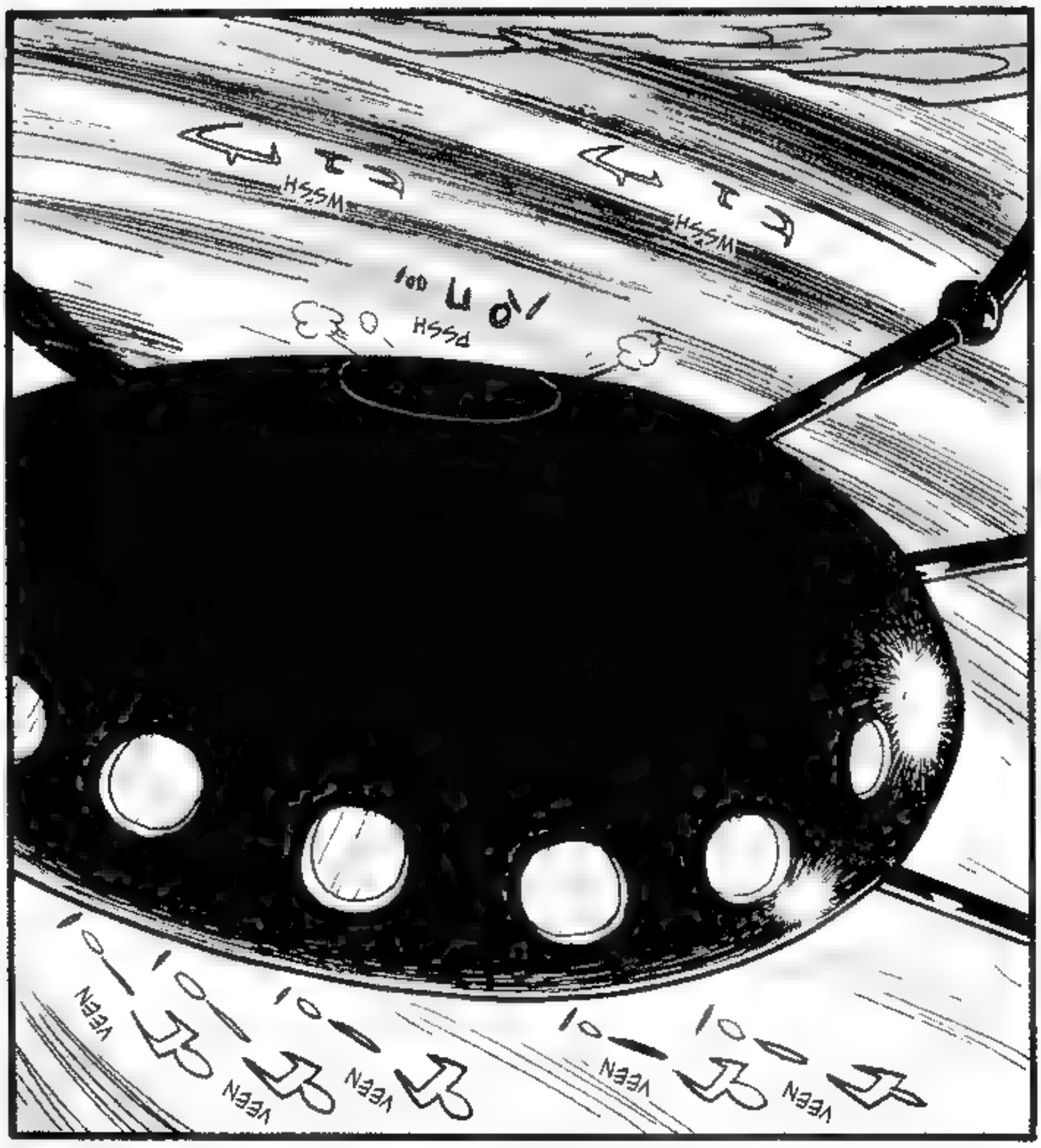
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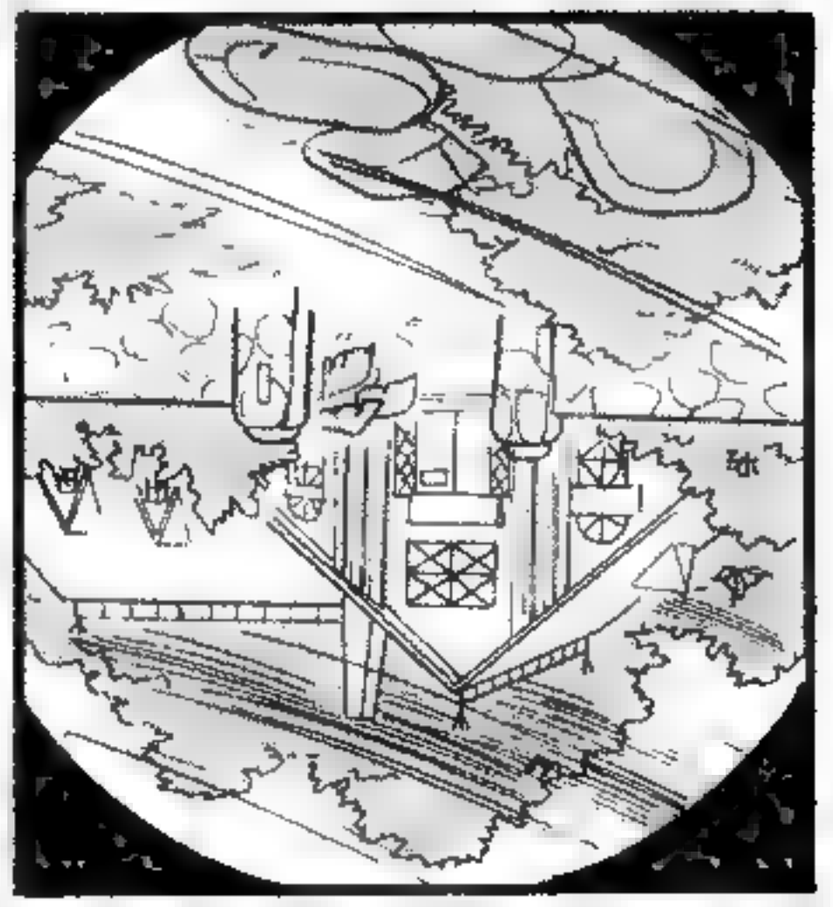

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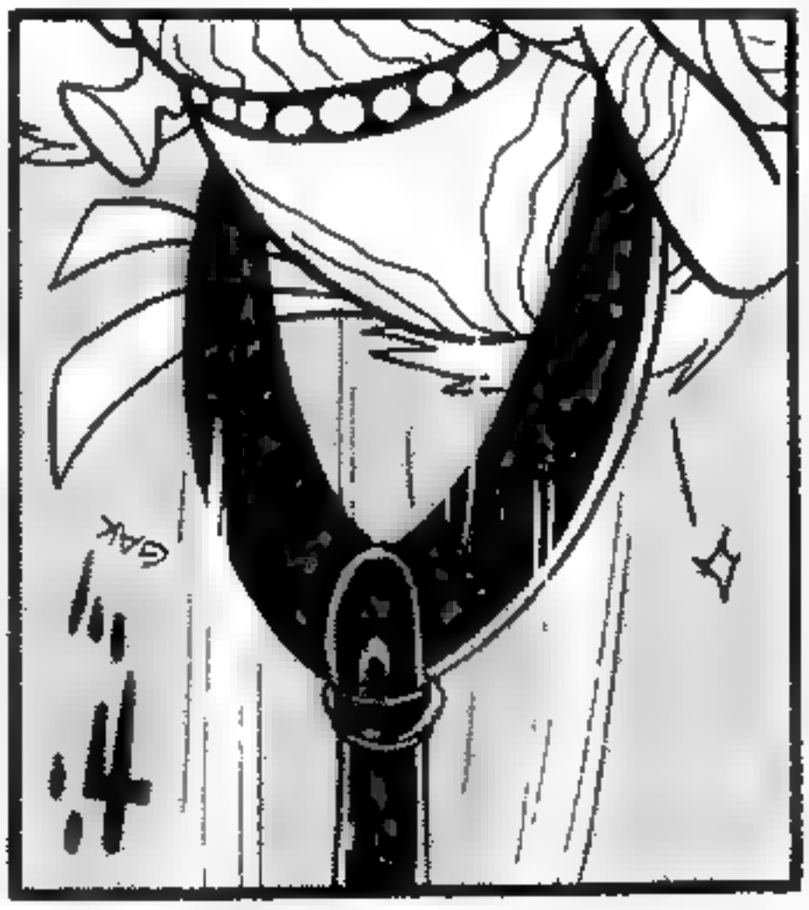
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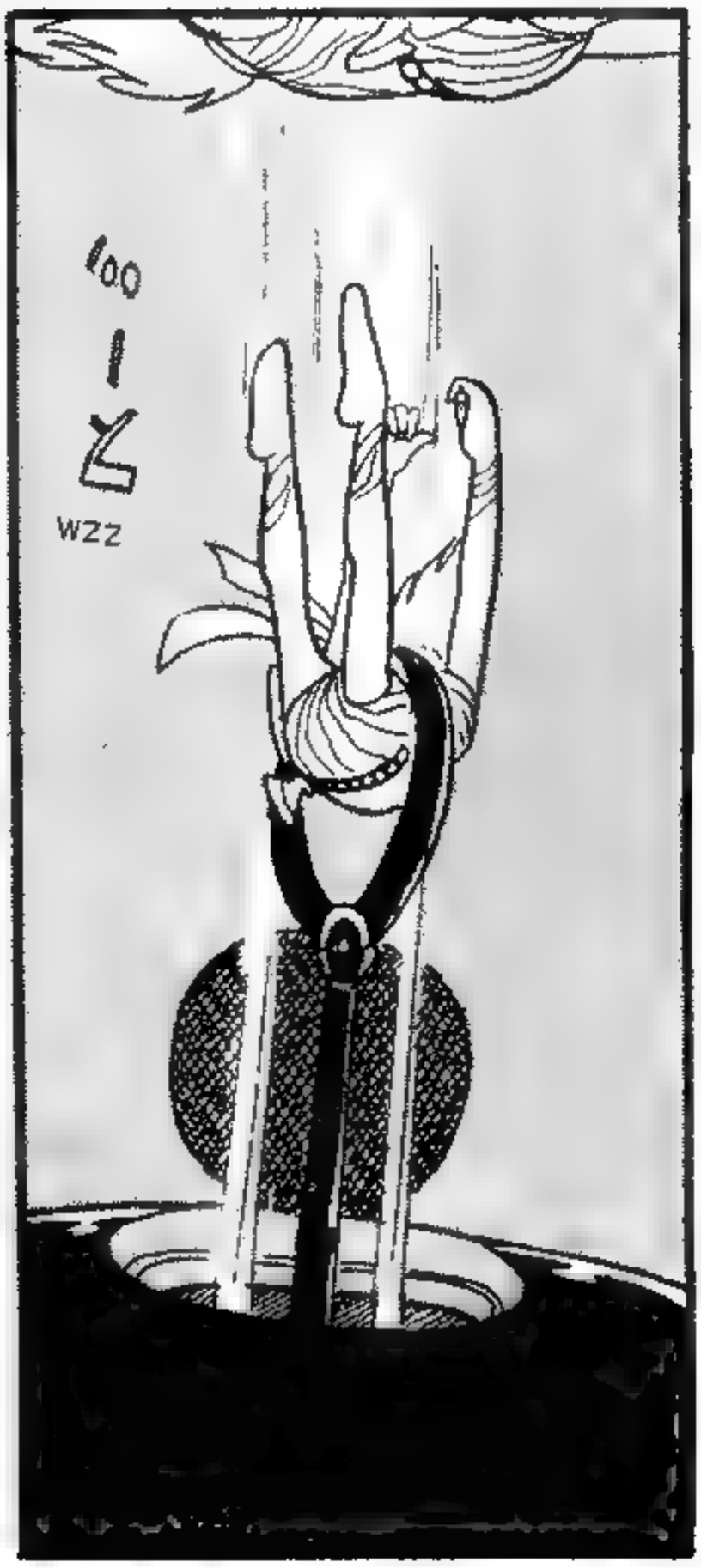
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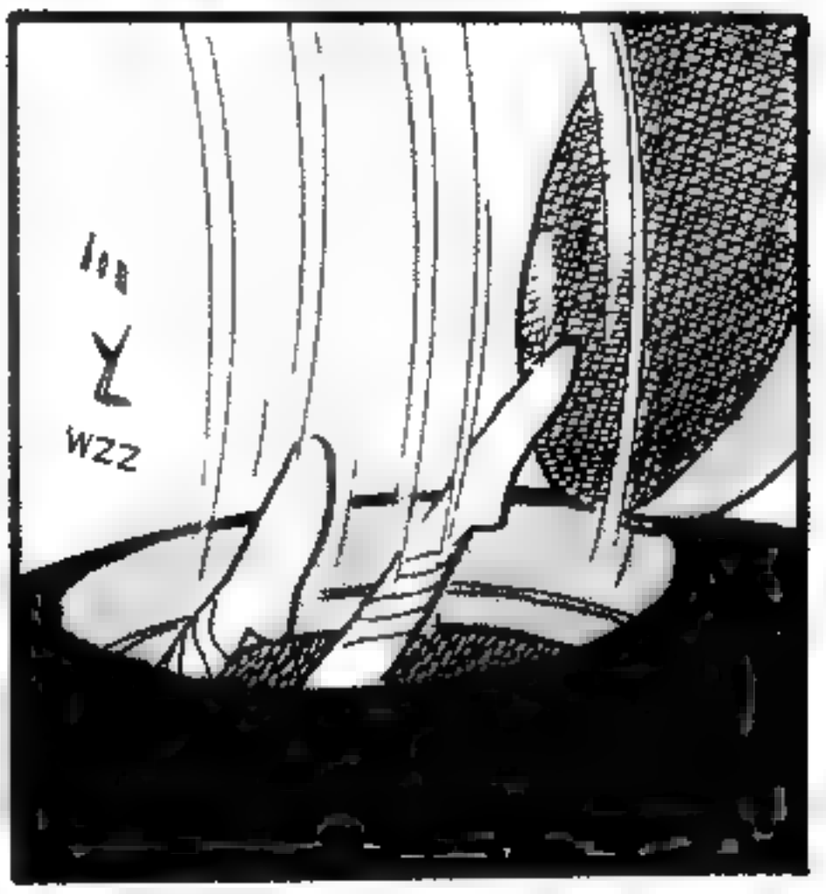
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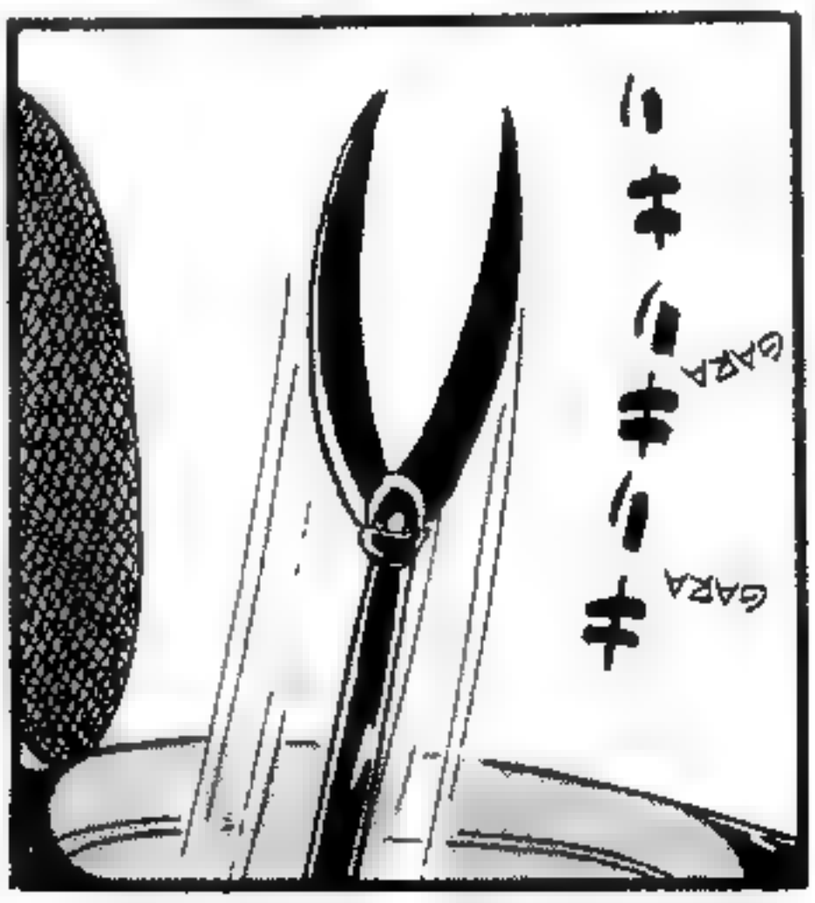
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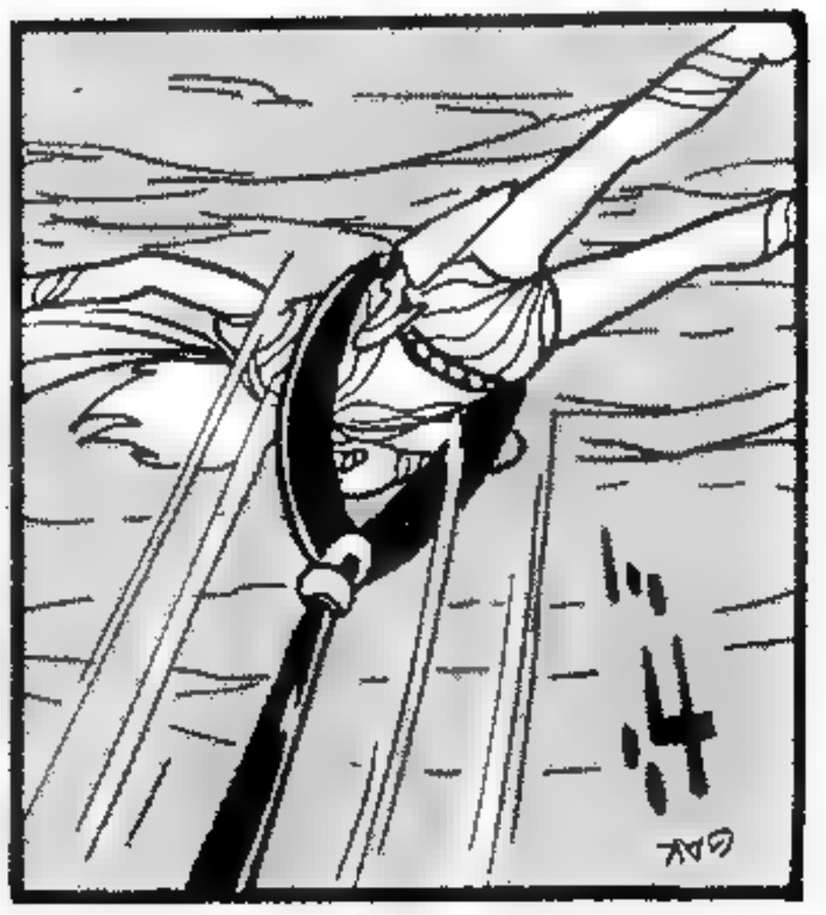
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VEEN
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HUH?
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
LOOKS BAD.
NO, 009! IT'S TOO SOON.
GARA GARA
I'LL GO.
A NEW MODEL. CYBORG 0011!
THESE GUYS DON'T QUIT.

REMEM-BER, 009...

SEE, I HAVE TO--

I HAVE ALL MY RESEARCH HERE.

YOU STILL NEED TO RE-ENERGIZE FROM YOUR LAST BATTLE--

BAM

ガラ GARA

ガラ GARA

BAM

...EACH SUCCESSIVE CYBORG IS STRONGER.

THERE'S NO TIME, 001!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, 005?

POIK

IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!

WAIT FOR ME!

LET'S GO KICK THIS CAN!

TMP

TMP

TMP

I'M AT FULL POWER!

ZUT

PSSH

UH... UHH.

.....

ZZP

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

003!

D... DAMN.

WH... WHAT...

IT LOOK PRETTY BAD.

SHE'S BEEN DRIFTING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A WHILE NOW.

PPT

NO, 009!!

ZAT

PSSH

ZA

ZA

ZA

001 WAS RIGHT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE.

ZA NA NA NA

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VEEN

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009! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STAY PUT!

SO, THIS IS THE NEW MODEL?

I have orders to take you back... dead or alive.

So, you're the renegades the Black Ghost sent me after.

Ha ha ha.

...I have to accomplish the mission my masters set out for me.

In order for my brain to be returned to my true body...

DEAD?

It needn't be so severe.

Surely, you can under-stand that!

So, why don't you guys just cooperate and come back with me?

If not, I spend the rest of my days...

...as a ridiculous giant-sized spider!

WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE.

I'M SURE YOU WERE.

You must be Cyborg 009! I was warned about you.

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY!

0011!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL HONOR THEIR PROMISE TO YOU? WE BROKE FREE. YOU SHOULD JOIN US.

IT'S A RUTHLESS, INHUMANE MISSION!

THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DISSEMINATING HATRED AND DISTRUST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

LOOK AT WHAT THE BLACK GHOST HAS DONE TO YOU! DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL HONOR THEIR PROMISE?

Hmm...

Perhaps you're right. Maybe I should ...

I've got to look out for myself!

I respect your decision. Prepare to die!

GACHAN

...and they will keep pursuing you until you are destroyed.

...but their numbers are greater ...

FLASH

OOH

OOH!!

GACHAN

Hmm-
hmm.

UH...

BA

BA

BA

BA

NNNT

ZZZAP

BAM

DAMN.

HE CAN ACCELE-RATE TOO.

NO, HE'S HERE!

HUH?

BUT HE'S GONE!

WATCH IT.

WAH.

THUD

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING SO BIG COULD HAVE ONE.

GACHAN

JAK

JAK

JAK

I'M STUCK!

005!

WHAT'S WRONG?

HUH?

PUUM

FORGET ME! GET OUT HERE! DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU!

SHUU

SHUU

BAAK

SHUU

PUUM

PUUM

PLUM

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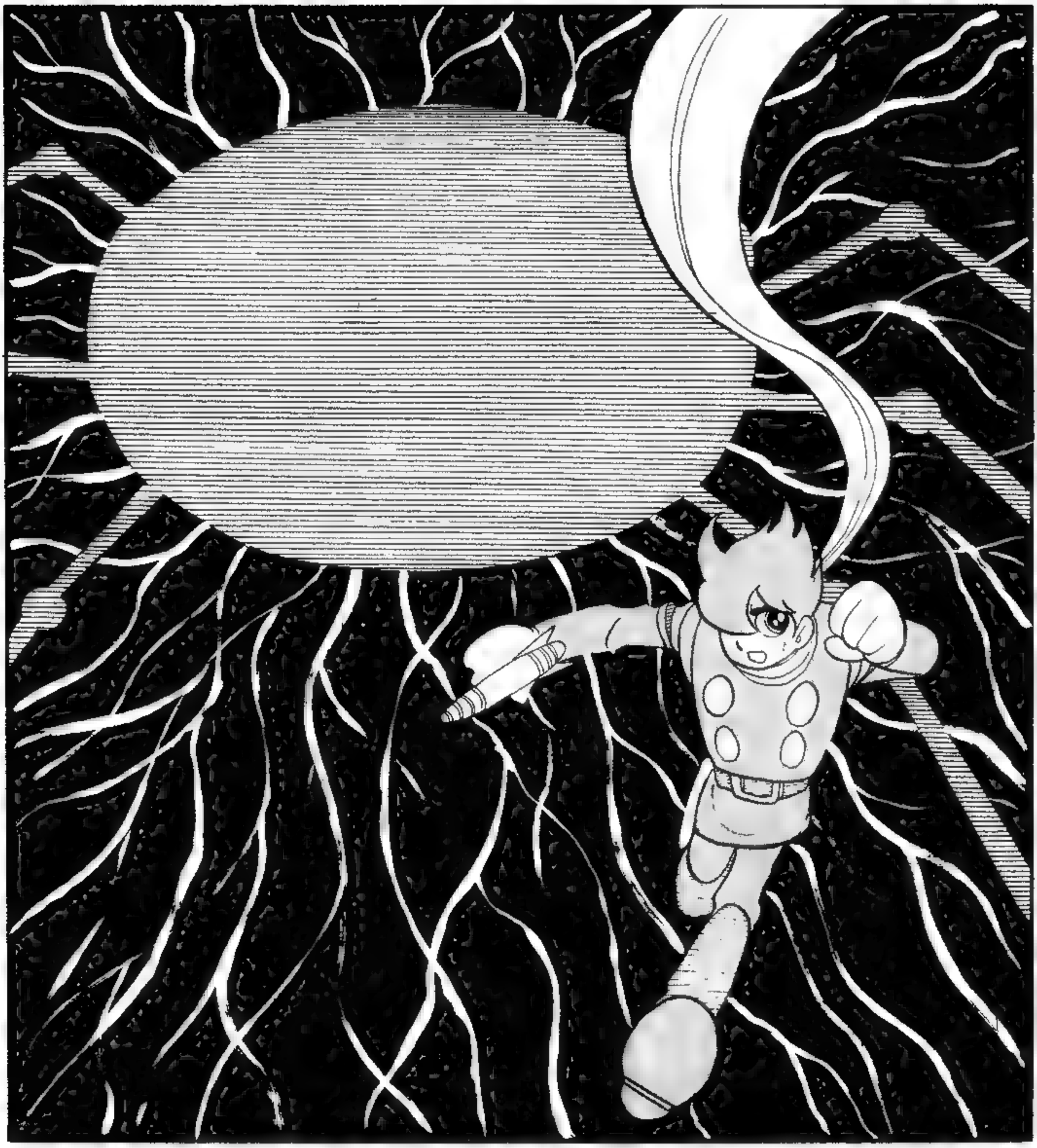

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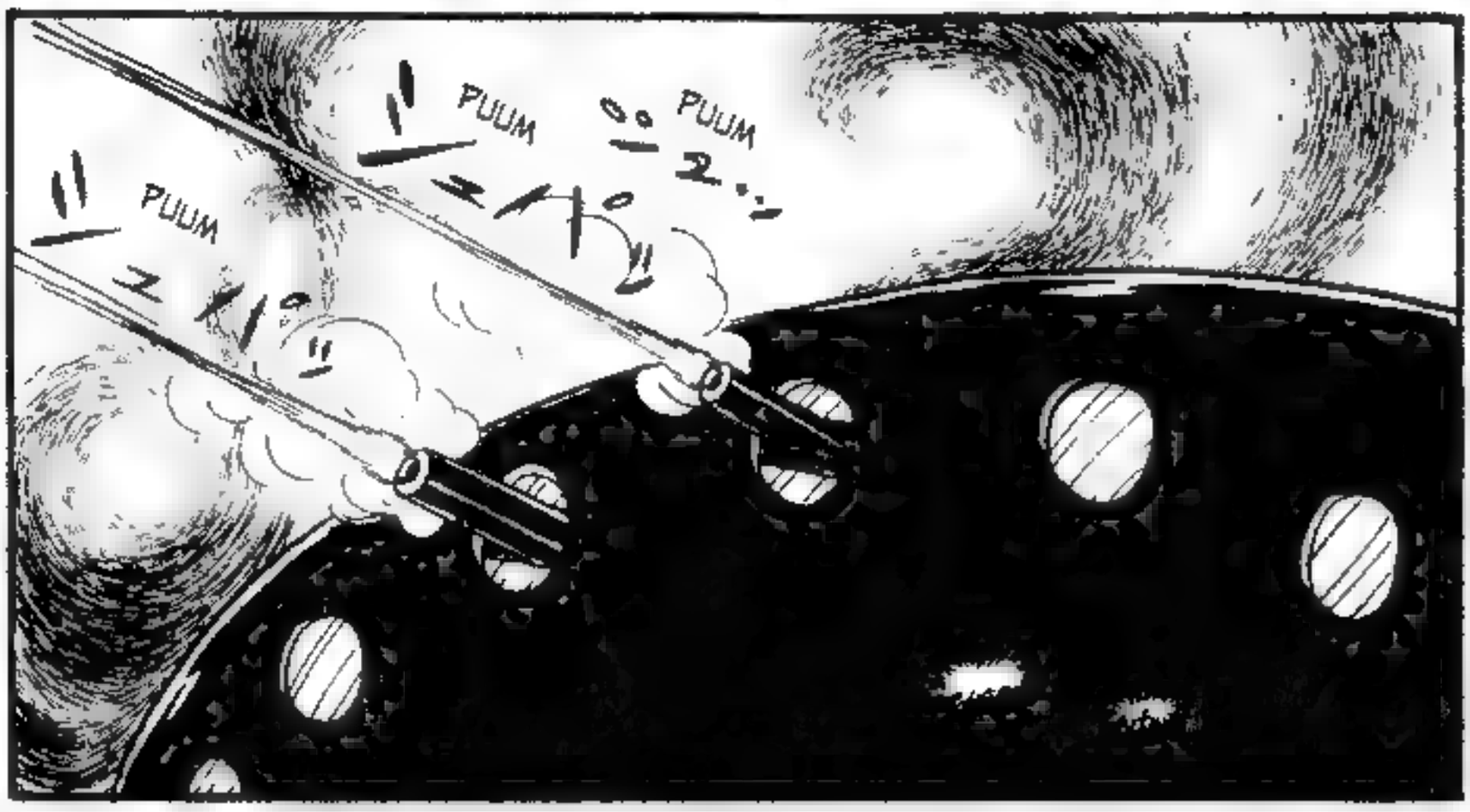
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ROGER THAT, 009!!

002, FLANK RIGHT AND ACCE-LERATE.

BAM

SHUUU

MACH ONE!

SHUUU

But of course.

OKAY 0011, NOW IT'S MY TURN!

WHOA.

GACHAN

VEEN

VEEN

HE'S JUST AS FAST AS WE ARE!

DO

DO

DO

AND HE CAN CHANGE HIS VECTOR MID-ACCELE-RATION!

GREAT.

MACH THREE!!

MACH TWO!

LET'S GO...

BOOM

JAK

I GOTCHA, 009!

BOOM

AAHH.

Whoosh.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

LET'S HIT HIM FROM TWO SIDES.

YOU GO HIGH! I'LL GO LOW!

THAT WAS CLOSE.

PAK

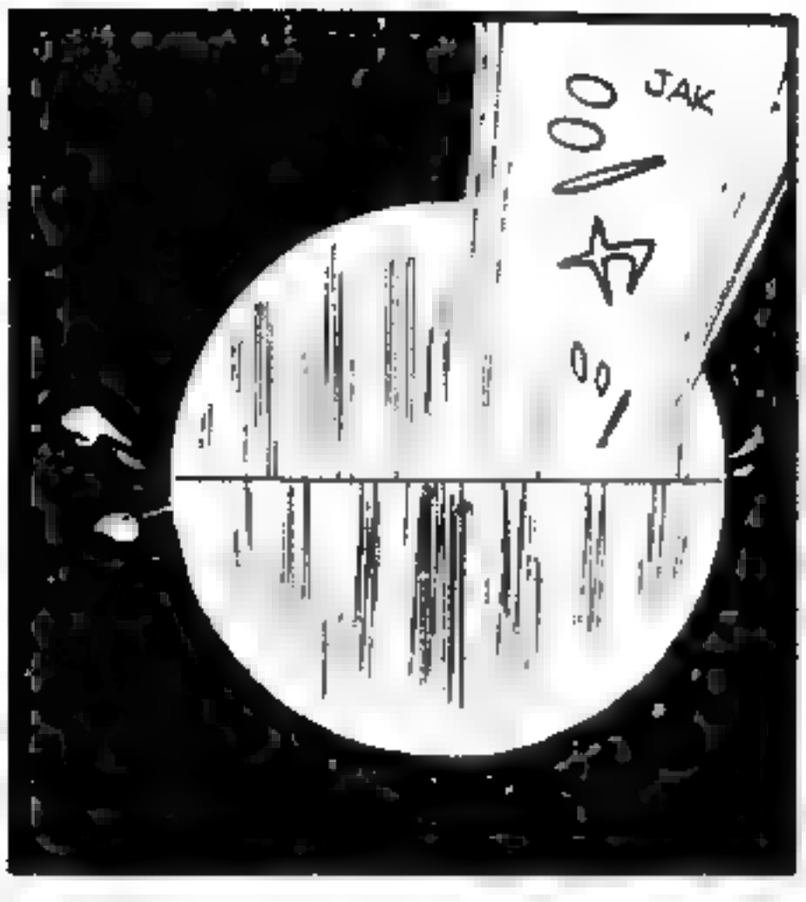
READY... BREAK!

THANKS, 002!

TMP

TWIST

I HOPE THIS WORKS.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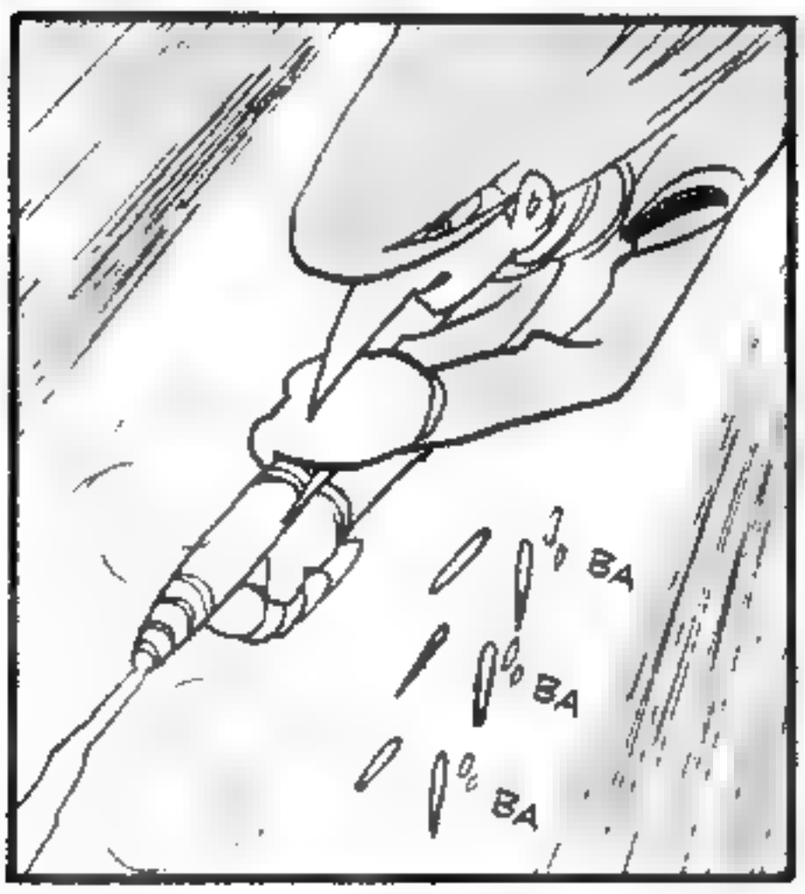
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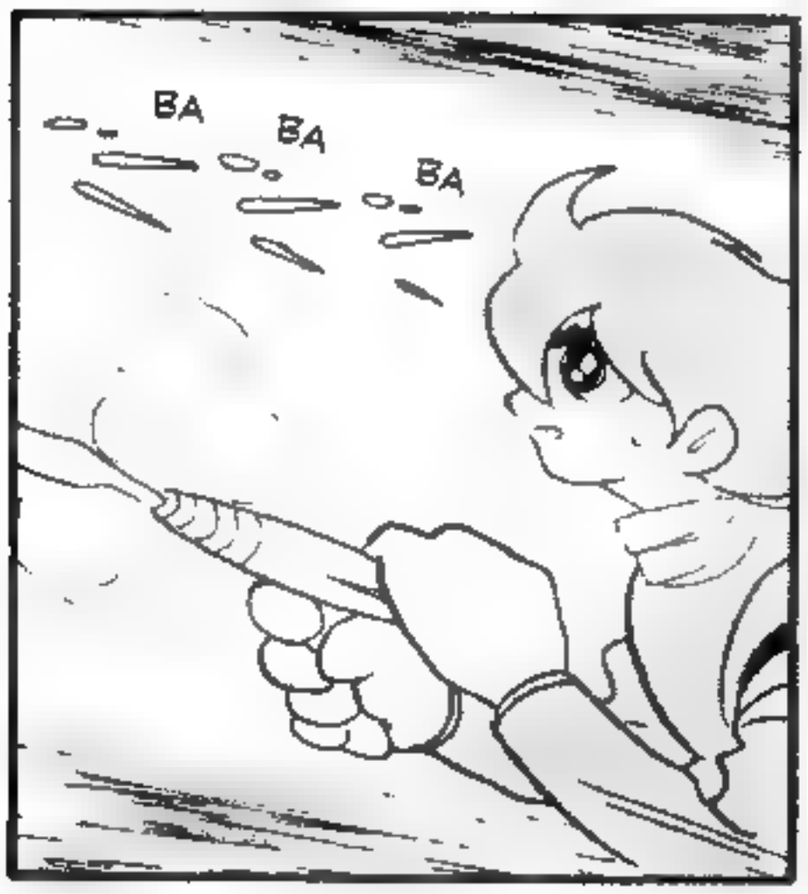
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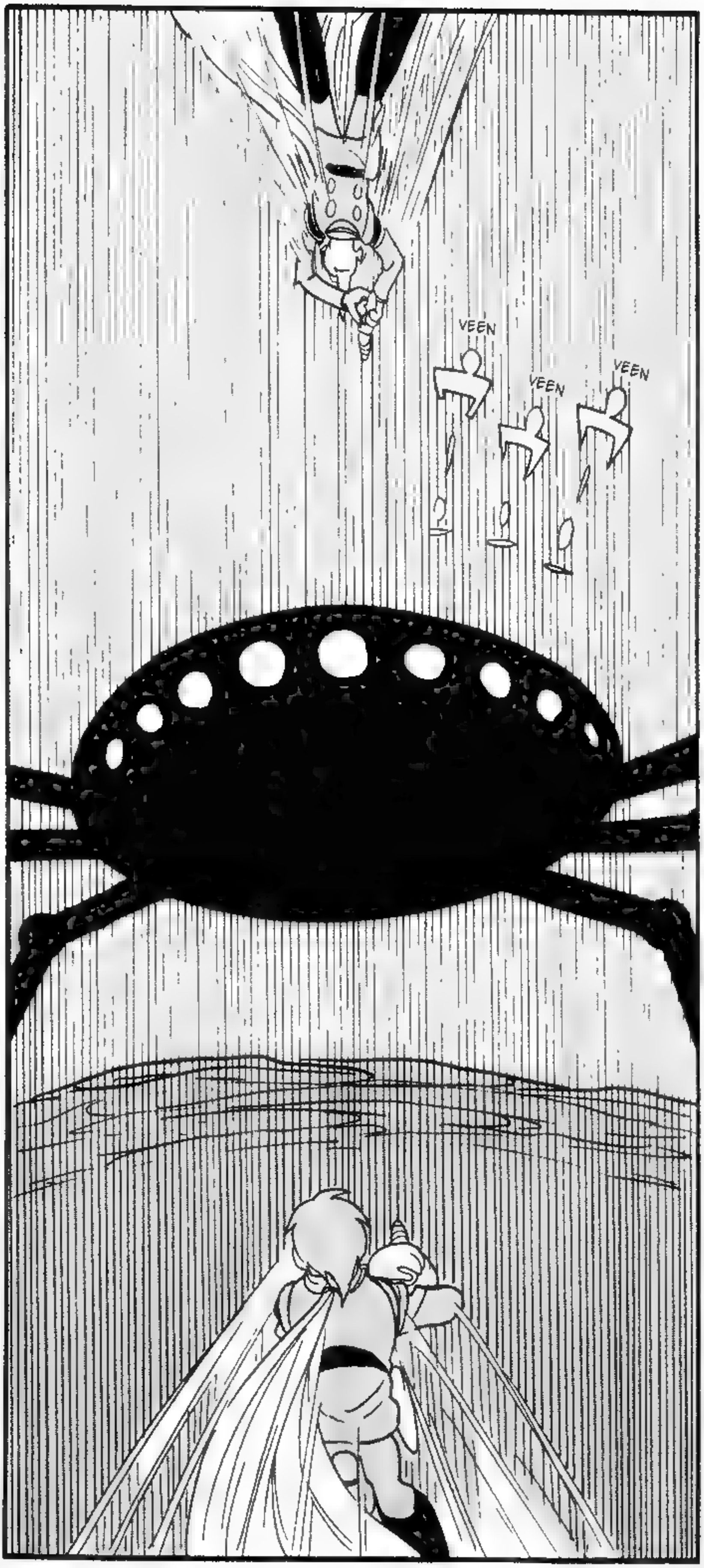
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BLASTERS ARE USELESS AGAINST HIS ARMOR!
SHAK
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER WEAPONS. YA GOT A NEW PLAN, 009?
WSSH
GUH.
BOOM
JAK

THUD

BAMOOZ

UHH.

UGH...

BAM

DIE, MONSTER!

I'M FINE. KEEP HITTING HIM!

JOE!!

THAT'S IT.

JAK

PACH

BE READY TO FIRE ON MY MARK.

WHEN HE OPENS IT, IT'S DE-FENSELESS.

AIM FOR HIS EYELET.

002, I THINK I SEE A WEAK SPOT!

I DIG!

*A radio device installed just above his right ear allows 009 to stay in constant communication with his teammates.

SHUU

IS IT HURT? HAS HE BEEN DEACTIVATED.

STRANGE. HE SEEMS AWFULLY CALM.

FIRE!!

JAK

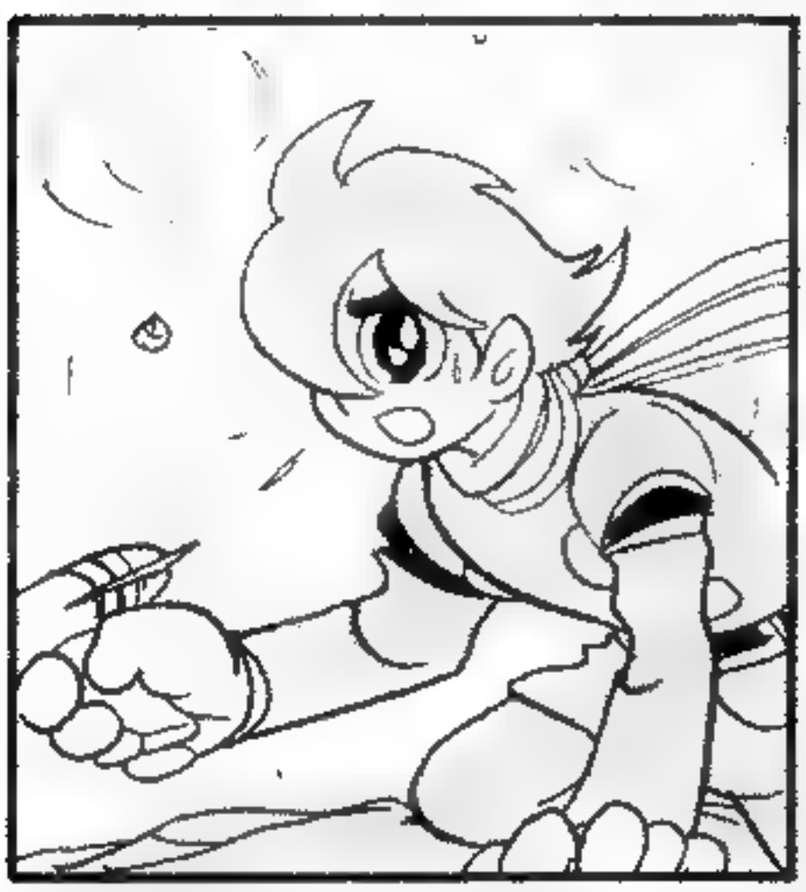
BZZT

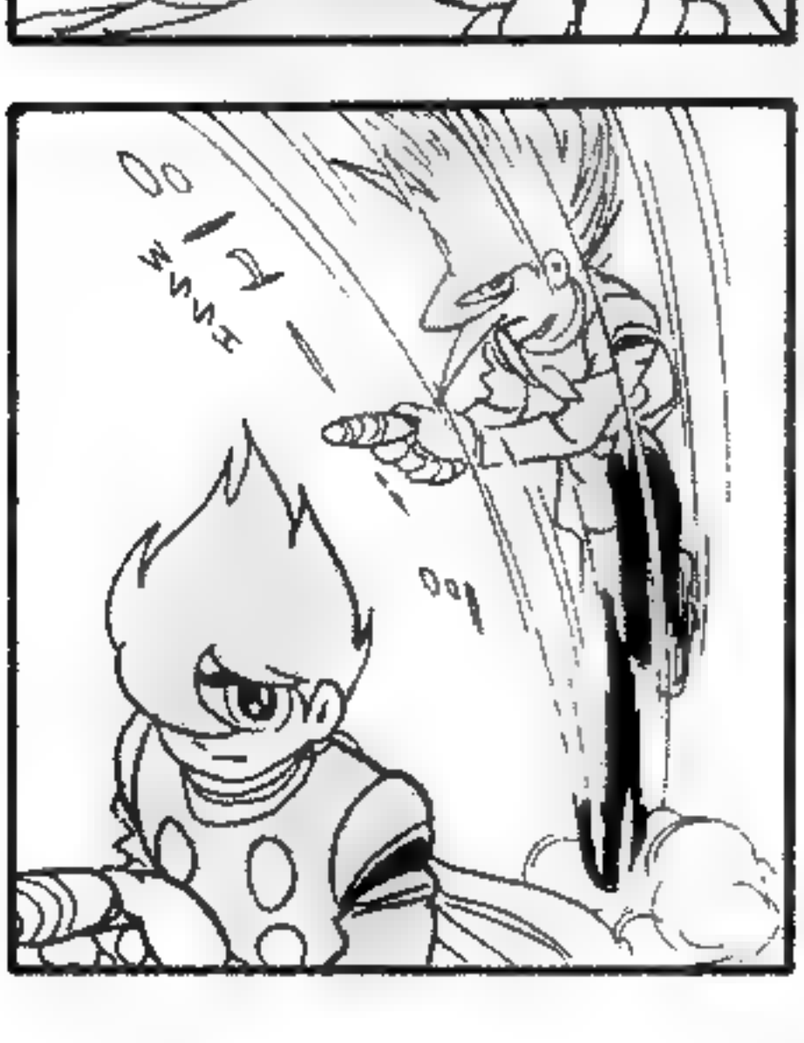
SHUU

BAM

BOOM—

CRACKLE





DID IT WORK?

WHAM

KRAK

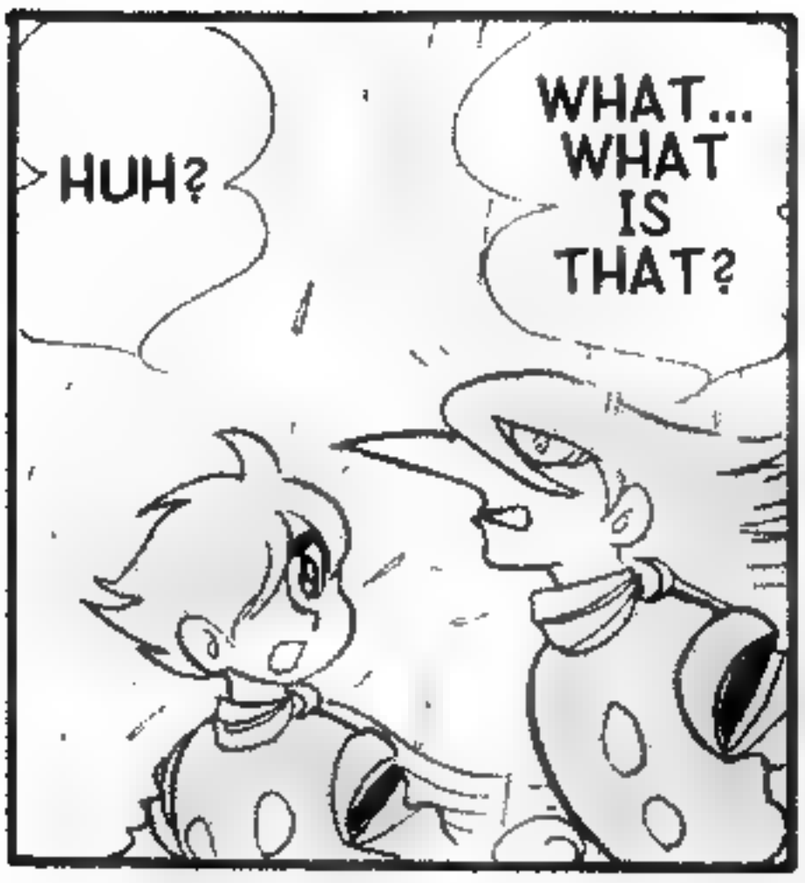
CHANK

KLUNK

PSSHT

BULL'S EYE, 002!

THAT ANSWERS THAT.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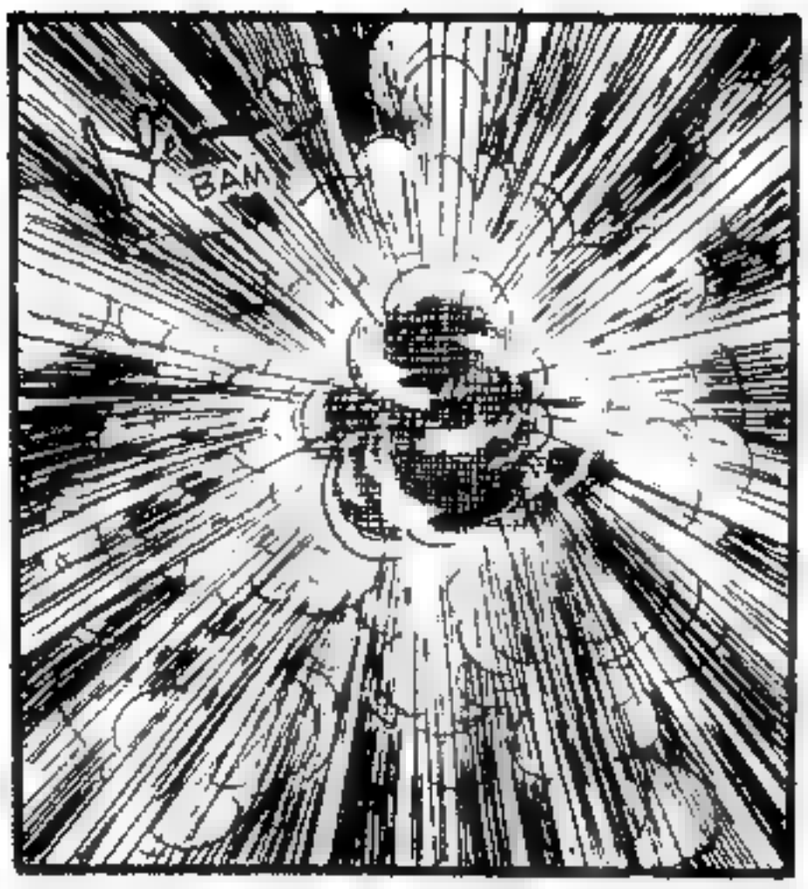
BAM

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You've defeated me...thank you...
VEEN
VEEN
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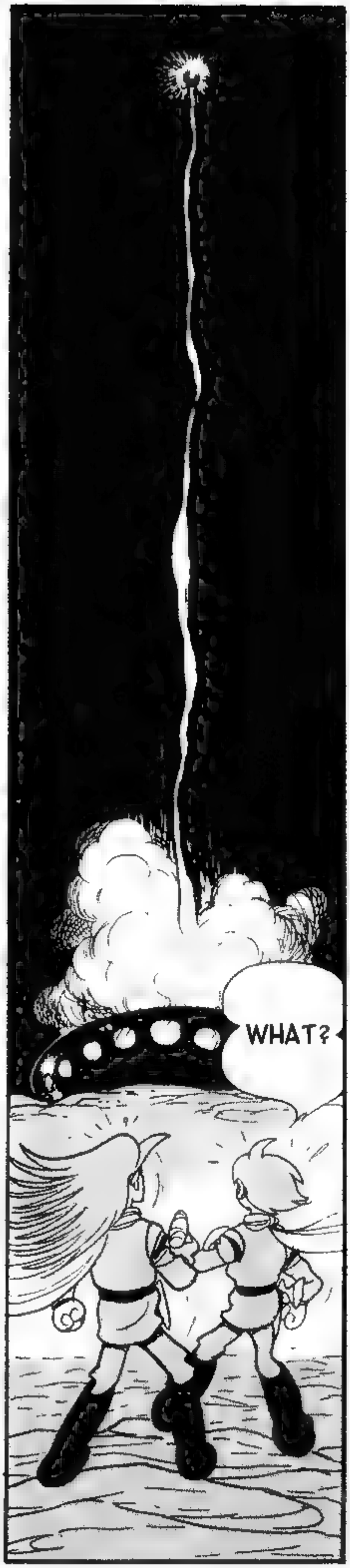

WHAT?

My soul is released from its cage...!

I'm free of this body at last...

Tears of joy...

Tears of sorrow...

These raindrops are like my tears...

Ha ha ha.

OOII...

Hah hah! You two are coming with me.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

But I won't die alone...

They're my final comfort... before I die...

Tears of pain...

Perhaps if you were truly human, you'd notice...

GOOD-BYE.

HA

HA

HA

HA

BWA

HA

HA

UGH!

it's venom!

This isn't mere rain...

BOOM

BOOM

BABOOM

I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, 009?

VENOM?

HE BLEW HIMSELF UP!

YEAH!

PERHAPS DR. KOZUMI CAN DEVELOP AND ANTIDOTE.

ACKK! I CAN'T BREATHE!

UGHH! THE VENOM IS TAKING EFFECT!

GAH!

KRAK

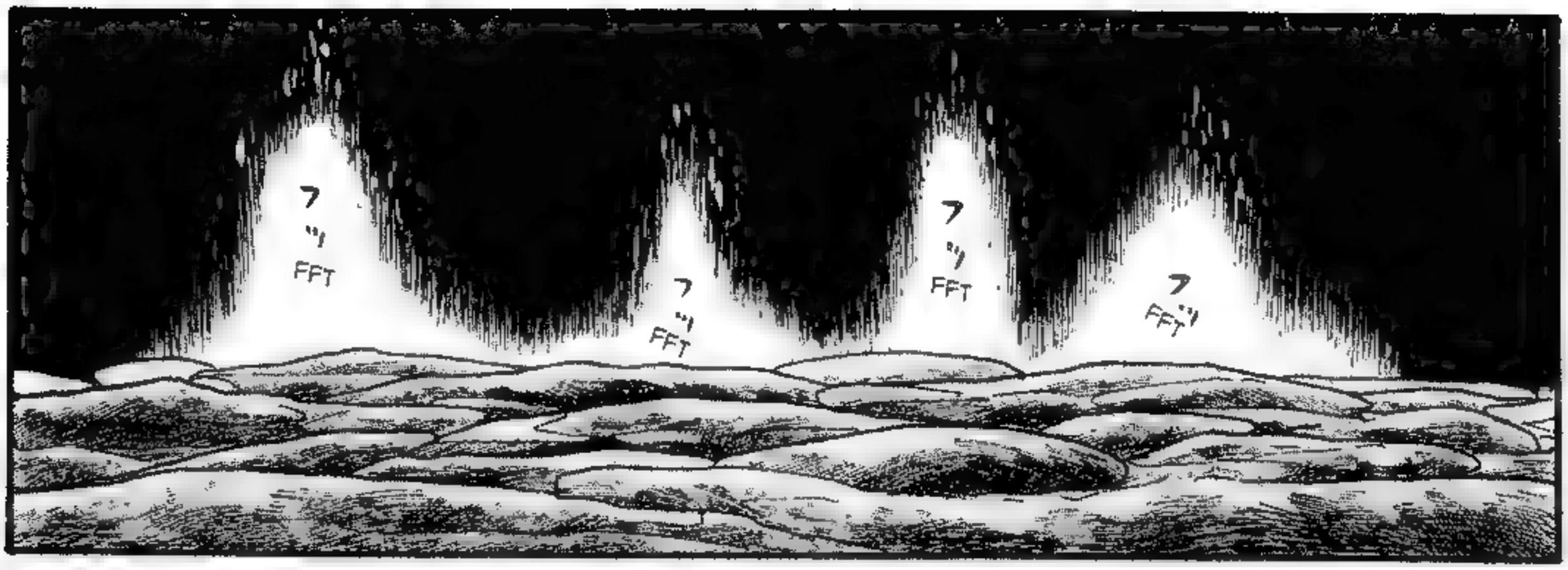
CAN'T MOVE...

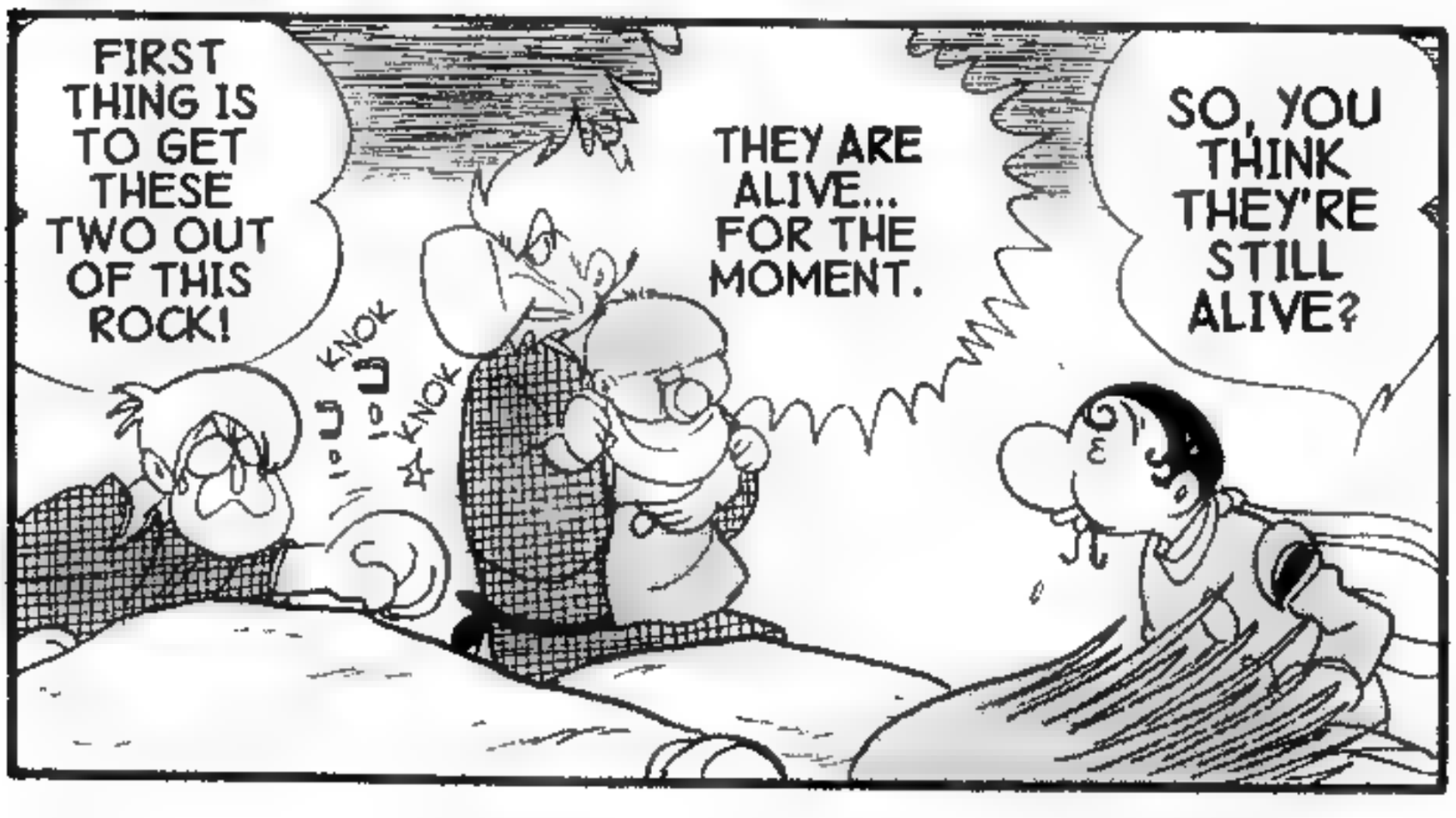
ARGH.

UHHH.

UGHH.

MY BODY...





*001's recently discovered teleportation ability is still in its nascent stages of development. He successfully transported the group out of harm's way this time, but he's hardly mastered this skill. Some excess matter came with them, bits of rock, debris, etc.

WELL, ANY SUGGES-TIONS?

NOT LONG. THERE'S A FINITE OXYGEN SUPPLY AND THEY'RE RUNNING ON BACK-UP POWER.

HOW LONG WILL THOSE LIFE SUPPORTS SYSTEMS HOLD OUT?

THEIR INTERNAL ORGANS ARE PROBABLY SEVERELY INJURED.

LUCKILY, THEY'RE ALL EQUIPPED WITH INTERNAL LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

NOT IF YOU TIME IT RIGHT.

I'LL COOK THE POOR BASTARDS ALIVE!

ARE YOU CRAZY?

006, DOUSE THEM WITH YOUR MAGMA BEAM.

.....

...AND BE BRAVE!

RELAX! JUST CONCEN-TRATE...

IT'S THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE. WE HAVE TO TRY.

UH... OKAY... HERE GOES NOTHING...

IT'S MELTING!

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHAA

OKAY! ENOUGH!

OKAY, TIME FOR 005! STOP EARLIER THIS TIME.

WHEW.

008! YOU'RE ALIVE!

YOUCH!

PERFECT.

SHU

SHU

SHU

HSSSH

.....

ENOUGH.

DR. GILMORE, DR. KOZUMI, LET'S MOVE ON TO 002 AND 009!

.....

TWITCH

WELL, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF POISON IT IS.

DR KOZUMI, COULD YOU CONCOCT THE SERUM?

THEY'VE BEEN POISONED.

WE HAVE TO DEVELOP AN ANTIDOTE.

THEY'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.

I'VE ALREADY ANALYZED IT. IF YOU COMBINE SERENIN ACID WITH CATECHOL, THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK.

SO, DO YOU THINK WE'VE FINALLY SEEN THE LAST OF THE BLACK GHOST?

I HIGHLY DOUBT IT. BUT, IF TODAY PROVES ANYTHING, IT'S THAT WE CAN TAKE ON WHATEVER THEY THROW AT US.

CHAPTER 10
MAN-EATING MANSION

?

ZAP!

SNIFF
SNIFF

SHAAK

RAWF.

GA GA GA

GA GA GA

GA GA GA

GRRRRRR...

YIPE.

SLAM

Ha ha
ha ha
ha ha

ZU ZU ZU

Ha ha
ha ha
ha ha

YELP YELP YELP

GA GA GA

Perfect.

Now gentle-men...

...be my hand...

...my eyes...

...my foot...

KREK

Now, all I have to do is bait the trap.

And I know exactly the thing to get those nine little rats running our way.

THUD

Go fetch Dr. Kozumi.

TMP

TMP

SLAM

BOING

BOING

N...NO SIR!

Trouble, foot?

Nothing will save the cyborgs now.

BASH

BASH

The cogs have been set in motion.

My plan is a thing of beauty.

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

CRUNCH

THEY SHOULD HAVE IT FIXED UP IN NO TIME.

LOOK AT THE BUILDERS WORKING ON DR. KOZUMI'S HOUSE.

YEAH, THE MAPLE LEAVES ARE SO COLORFUL IN THE FALL.

WHAT A BEAUTI-FUL DAY.

I'VE NEVER KNOWN HIM TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.

THERE'S DR. KOZUMI NOW.

YOU CAN'T SEE THAT FAR.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

LOOK AT WHAT?

YEAH.

THE LAND HERE WORKS WONDERS ON THE PSYCHE.

MAYBE HE'S GOING FOR A WALK TO CLEAR HIS HEAD.

I WONDER WHERE HE'S GOING.

HE'S USUALLY TOO WRAPPED UP IN HIS WORK.

OH, THAT GAS...

E4444

プシュー PSSH

COUGH.

HURRY. WE DON'T WANT THOSE CYBORGS SHOWING UP.

UH...

SLAM

TMP TMP

VROOM

HEH HEH.

DON'T LET US DOWN!

RAKUDA, I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.

GOT HIM!

I GOT MY ORDERS.

OH WELL.

HUH?

VOOM!!

ZA ZA ZA

DID THAT CAR FOLLOW US HERE?

PUP

THAT'S STRANGE.

VOOM

KREK

HEH HEH.

SHHP

ZAT

FLIK

BAP

BAP

WHAK

HE'S MAKING A BABY CARRIAGE FOR 001.

005, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

IT'D BEAT HANGIN' 'ROUN' 'ERE.

HEH HEH.

HEY. WE COULD GO ON THE ROAD WITH THAT TRICK.

SNAP

VVM

Ga ga.

001 DOESN'T NEED WHEELS!

HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BIG GUY. CARRIAGES HAVE WHEELS.

IT'S 009 AND 003...

WHAT'S WRONG 001?

Goo!

SHUU

WELL, BLOW ME DOWN.

HEY, 009, LOOK!

HEY YOU! COME BACK HERE!

TMP TMP TMP

CHAK

YOU'RE RIGHT!

THAT'S DR. KOZUMI'S HAT?

BAM

HEY YOU!

NICE HAT. WHERE'D YA GET IT?

AH.

CHOP

RRIP

LET'S SEE HOW FAST.

YOU'RE FAST.

DASH

HEH HEH HEH.

KLIK

YOU'RE THE BLACK GHOST'S HAND!

SMAK

BLAM

PING

HUH?

HEH...!

KLIK

WHERE'S DR. KOZUMI?

HEH HEH.

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

SHUU

KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
BLAM
WZZ
CATCH!
GRRR.
FFT
PTUU
PTUU
OVER HERE.

HEH HEH HEH.

KRAK

BAA

GAH.

GAK

ARE YOU DONE YET?

WAAH.

DAA

FWIP

PAK

GACHAK

TMP

FWUM

WAH!

HEH HEH HEH.

THOK

POW

TOTTER

GRAB

THUD

MAYBE THIS TOUGH GUY CAN TELL US WHERE HE IS.

THIS IS INDEED DR. KOZUMI'S HAT.

OOH!

A TELEGRAM? WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST CALL HIM?

HE HAD RECEIVED AN URGENT TELEGRAM IMPLORING HIM TO GIVE A LECTURE AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY.

KIDNAPPED? I KNEW IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS.

WHERE WAS HE GOING?

OH NO!

CALL THE COLLEGE!

WHAT?!

I'M CONFIRMING THE TELEGRAM YOU SENT EARLIER--

I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF DR. KOZUMI.

HELLO.

AHA!

I KNOW THE NUMBER'S SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.

UHH....

NOW FOR PLAN B.

YOU NEVER SENT ONE?!

I FOUND THAT HAT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

SLAP SLAP SLAP

A TELEGRAM? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

AND WHO MAY HAVE SENT THE SHAM TELEGRAM.

WE ARE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU WERE DOING WITH DR. KOZUMI'S HAT.

PERHAPS A MORE DELICATE APPROACH.

DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YA, MATE. SPIT IT OUT.

.....

IF YA DON'T GET THE GAB FLAPPING BETTER THAN THAT, I'M GOIN' GET MIFFED!

HMPH.

DON'T CAUSE ANY PERMANENT DAMAGE.

SHAK

SHHP

FLIT

.....

SHHP

SHHP

SHHP

0012?!

ORDERS FROM... CYBORG 0012!

I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS.

OKAY, FINE! DR. KOZUMI WAS KIDNAPPED, BUT I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO TELEGRAMS!

HEH...

SUFFICE IT TO SAY, I'M GOOD WITH A BLADE.

WHO ELSE DID WE RILE UP?

HOWEVER, THE BLACK GHOST IS NOT OUR ONLY ENEMY NOW.

HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

HE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE TELEGRAM...

THE BLACK GHOST MADE ANOTHER ONE OF THESE CRAZY THINGS?

SUU

YEAH! NOW SPILL IT.

LATER. WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS DR. KOZUMI.

DANKE.

.....

SO ABOUT 0012...WANNA DRAW US A MAP?

FLAP

ZAA

HEH...

TOSS

MAKE YOURSELF COMFORT-ABLE.

GRRK

WHAK

HEH HEH HEH... FOOLS.

MY WORK HERE IS DONE.

WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO WE HAVE?

YA KNOW, THEY COULD BE SETTIN' UP AN AMBUSH.

I'M GOING.

OKAY, SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

I'M SURE WE CAN HANDLE IT.

0011 WAS NO PICNIC. I WONDER HOW POWERFUL 0012 IS.

WHATCHA PLAYIN' AT?

WE DON'T WANT TO DRAW A LOT OF UN-NECESSARY ATTENTION.

0012 IS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.

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ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO LET HIM GO ALONE?

SHUU

CHAK

CHAK

WOOZ

SHUU

MPMP

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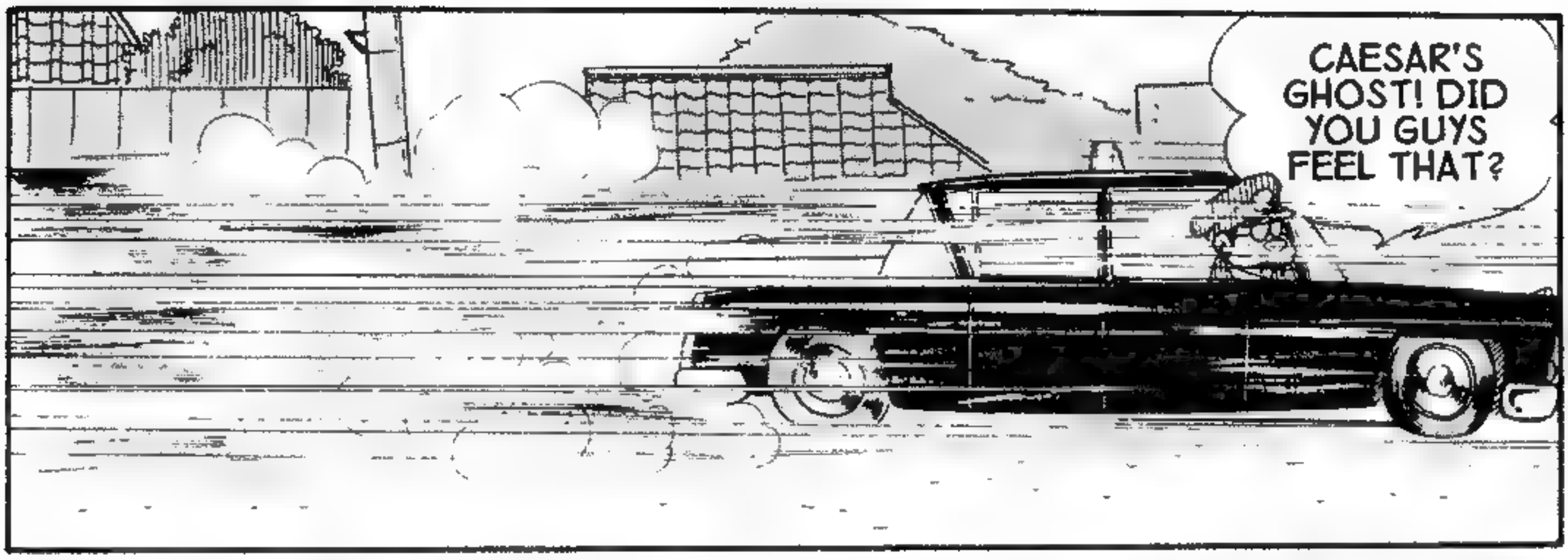
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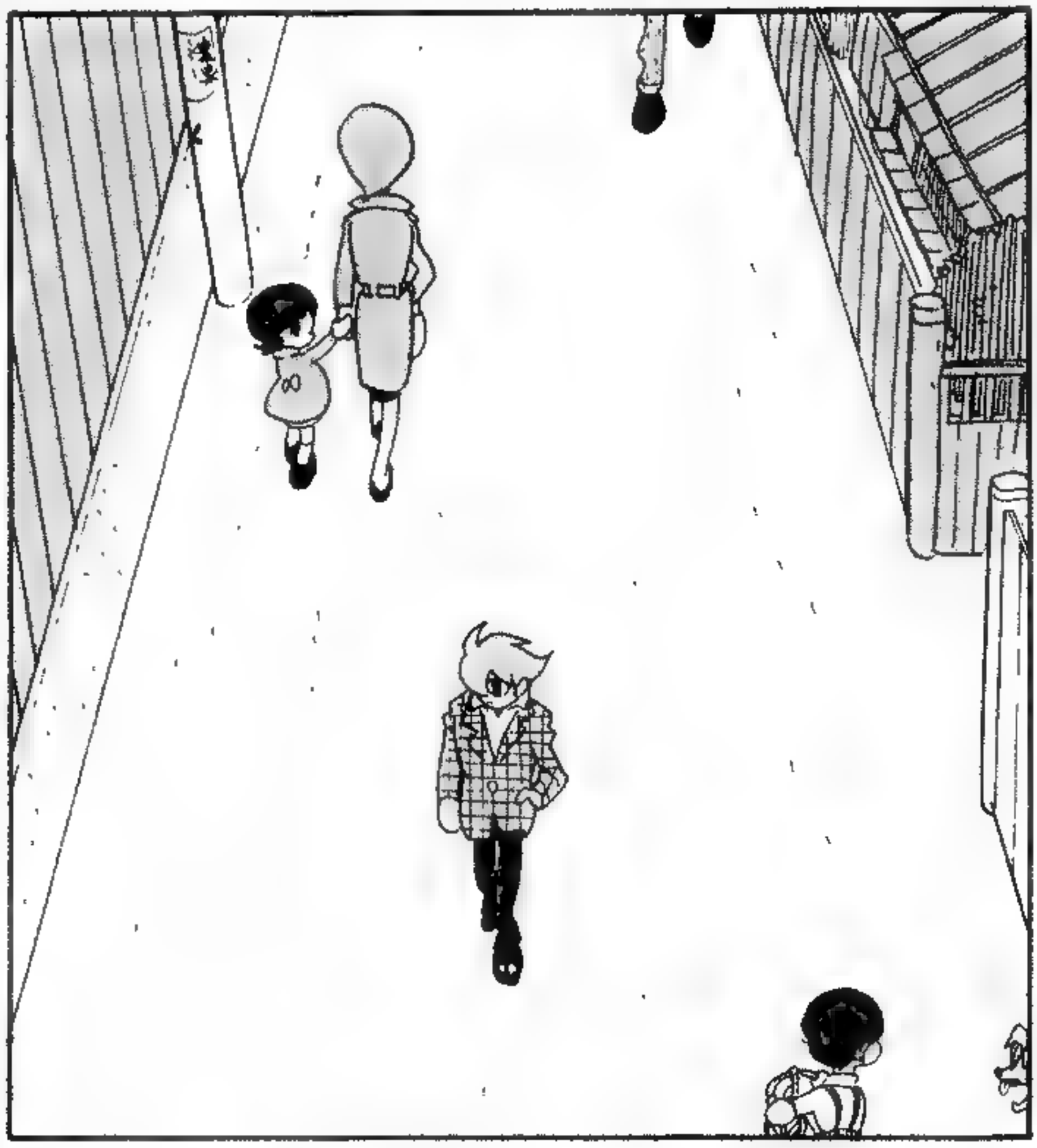
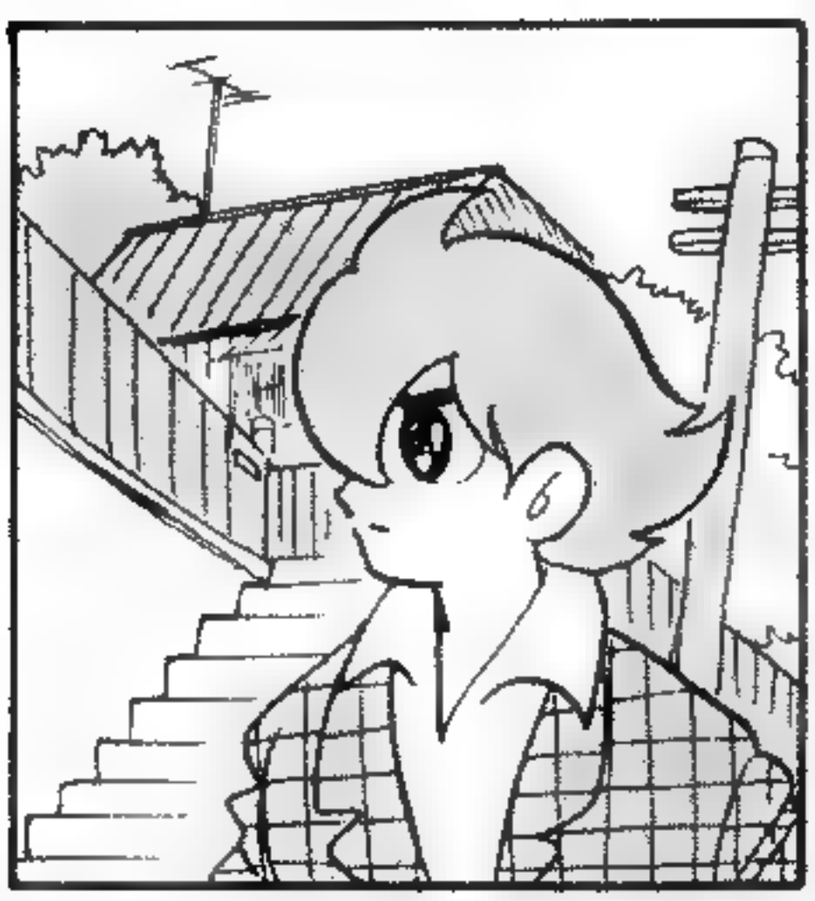




THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WAY OUT THERE.

NUMBER 13...
PARDON ME. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND NUMBER 13 YABUKI-CHO?

HMM, QUITE THE LAVISH PAD!

106

.....

AND SOME HIP COMPANY.

?

WSP WSP

TURN

...THEY'RE THE OTHER ENEMY 001 REFERRED TO.

THAT MUST MEAN...

MORE LIKE THEIR CASING OUT THE JOINT.

THEY DON'T LOOK FRIENDLY.

VRRM

I FEEL LIKE I'M CRASH-ING A PARTY.

HMM...

IS ANYONE HOME?

THAT SEEMED WAY TOO EASY.

HUH?

ZZAP

AGGGGH!

THE HIGH SOCIETY WEL-COME MAT.

BOOBY TRAPS.

FSS

WHOA!

ZZAP

I WONDER HOW THE BOYS IN BLACK ARE FAIRING.

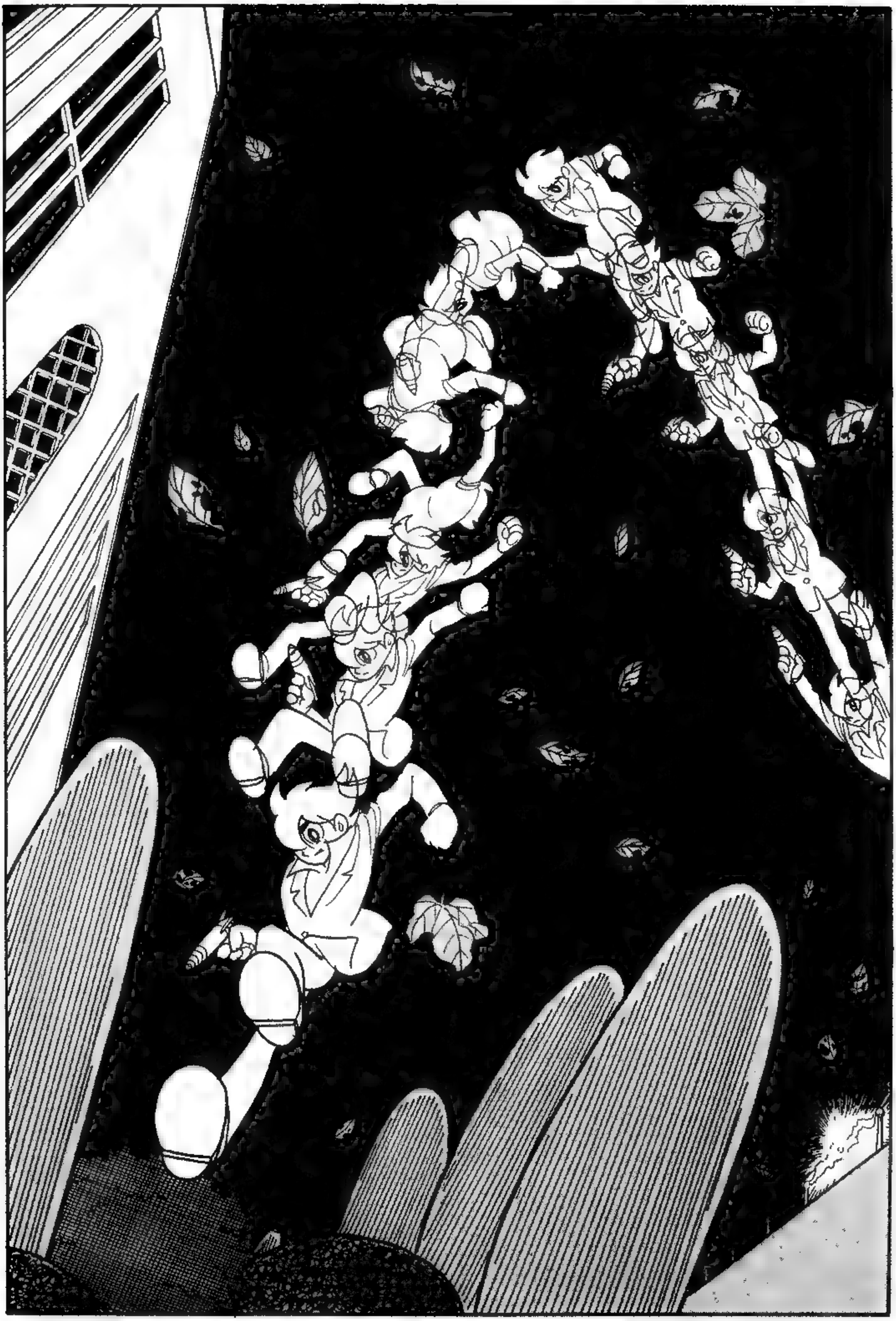
SSH

HMM... IT'S TOO QUIET.

ALL RIGHT!

THEY'RE GONE!

MUSTA MADE IT INSIDE.



SSHP

AH!!

ZZUP

GU

GU

GU

I'M STUCK!

GRIP

GUU

FLAP

AH!

UGH....

HAH HAH! WE WERE GONNA SIT THIS ONE OUT, BUT 003 MADE US FEEL GUITY 'BOUT IT.

SHEW! PERFECT TIMING, FELLAS!

GUU

AND SHE MADE US BRING YER KIT.

SHE THOUGHT YOU COULD USE OUR HELP.

HAH! WELL, I'M GLAD SOME-ONE CARES ABOUT ME.

UHH?

SHHP

SHHP

WHHP

WHHP

OWW...

WHAM

UGH...

DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
SHHP
SHHP
SHHP
PAK
HMM. PERSIS-TENT BUGGERS.
THANK.S.
SHUU
NICE CATCH.
WHAK
UH... MISSED ONE.

BAM

SHMP

SHMP

SHUU

CUT THEM OFF AT THE ROOTS.

THE ROOF LOOKS SAFER.

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

WAH!

SHUUP

HUH?

GA GA GA

GAAK

THE ROOF WAS NOT SAFER.

YOU KNOW, 009?

UH...UP, PLEASE.

PAK

CHAK

GRIP

GAAK

BLAST A HOLE IN THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SHAFT.

YOU GOT IT.

BZZZT

MY HANDS CAN SUCTION TO ANY SURFACE...

...BUT I CAN ONLY CARRY SO MUCH WEIGHT!

004!

SAFER THAN THE ROOF.

IS IT SAFE?

WZZH

ONE HOLE, ON DEMAND.

BE CAREFUL.

PAK

OH, QUIET. THIS PLACE APPEARS COMPLETELY EMPTY.

...AND THEN THERE'S THIS.

YOU KNOW WHAT GUYS? THERE'S CREEPY...

YEAH, SO WHERE ARE DR. KOZUMI AND 0012?

WAIT FOR ME, YOU INGRATES!

YIKES.

0012? IS THAT YOU? SHOW YOURSELF!

Welcome.

I'm right here.

Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho

AHEM.

Ho ho ho ho. I'm all around you.

As a matter of fact, I'm right in front of you.

I'm not hiding.

ALL AROUND US...?

WE'RE THROUGH PLAYING GAMES, 0012! COME OUT AND FIGHT!

...BUT YOU'RE NO WHERE TO BE SEEN, MATE.

I CAN SEE WELL PAST THE END OF MY NOSE...

RIGHT IN FRONT OF US?

YOU'RE TAKIN' THE PISS!

WE'RE INSIDE YOUR GIZZARD?!

The truth is so bizarre that you never once considered that the walls themselves could be your enemy!

HO

MAYBE 0012 IS ACTUALLY...

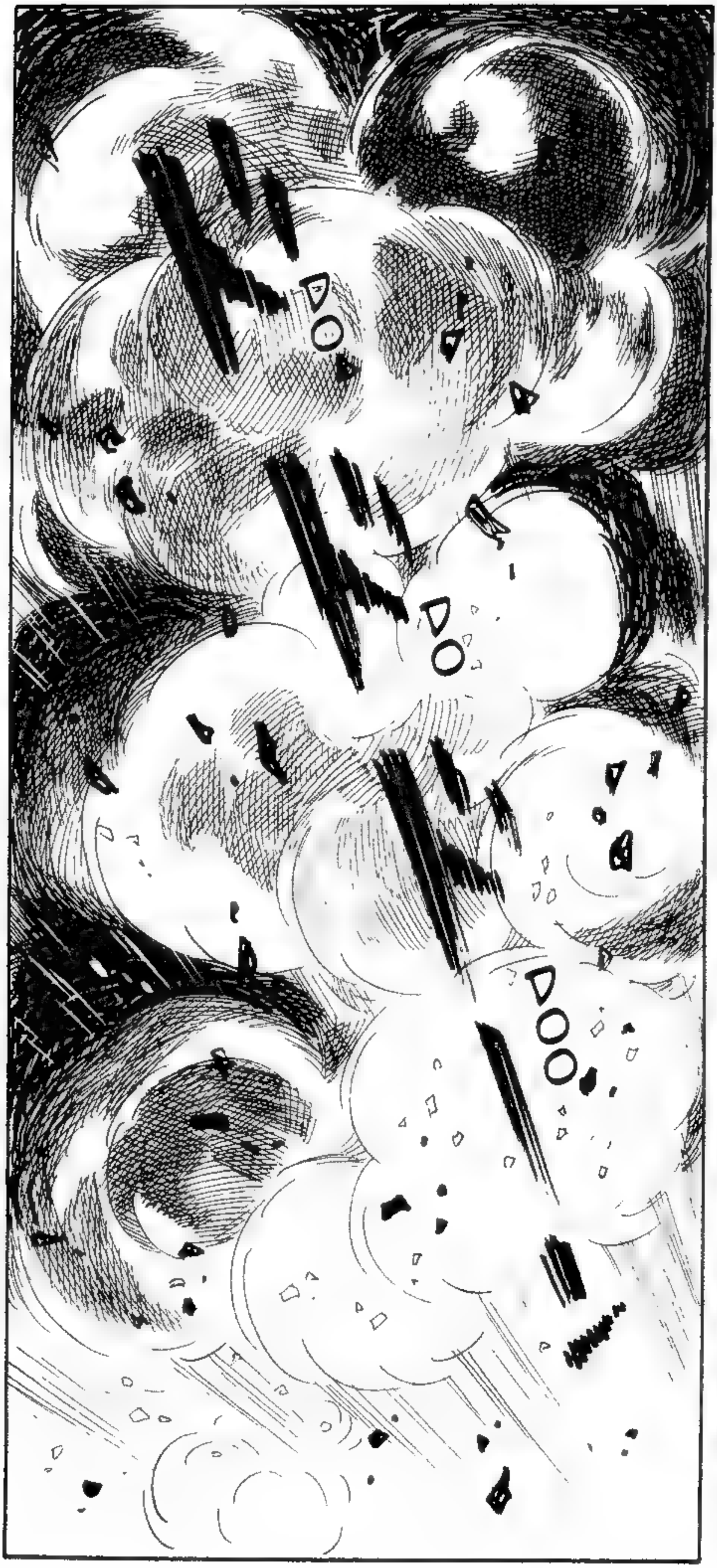
Ho ho ho ho. Very good, 009.

LET'S BLOW!

THE ROOM'S SHAKING!

RATTLE

And the three of you are delicious...and quite trapped.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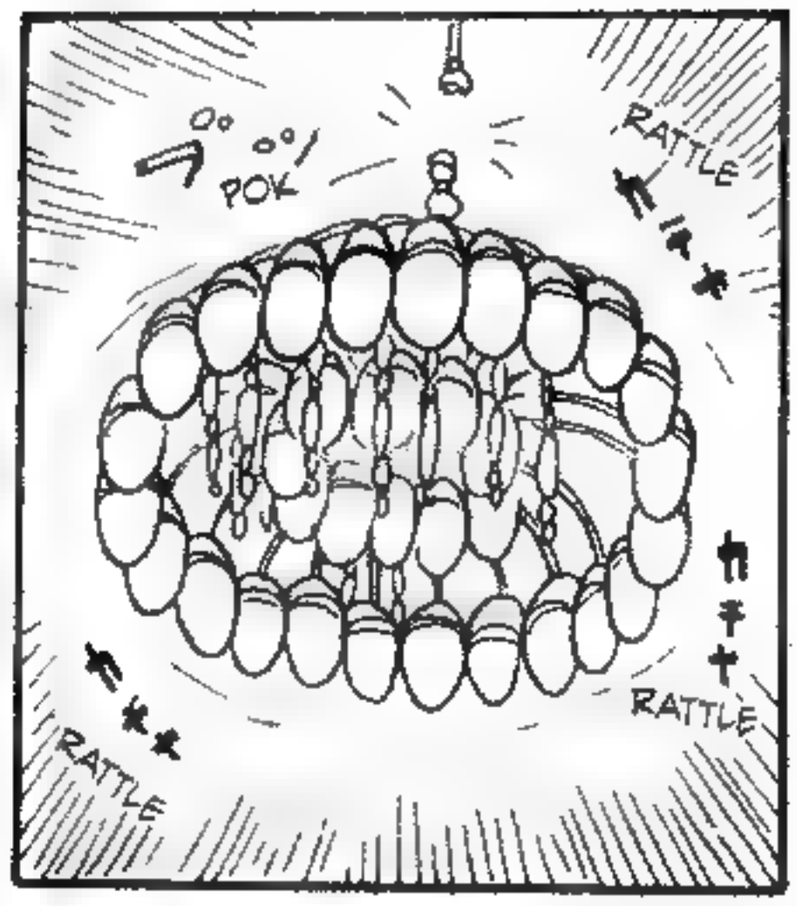
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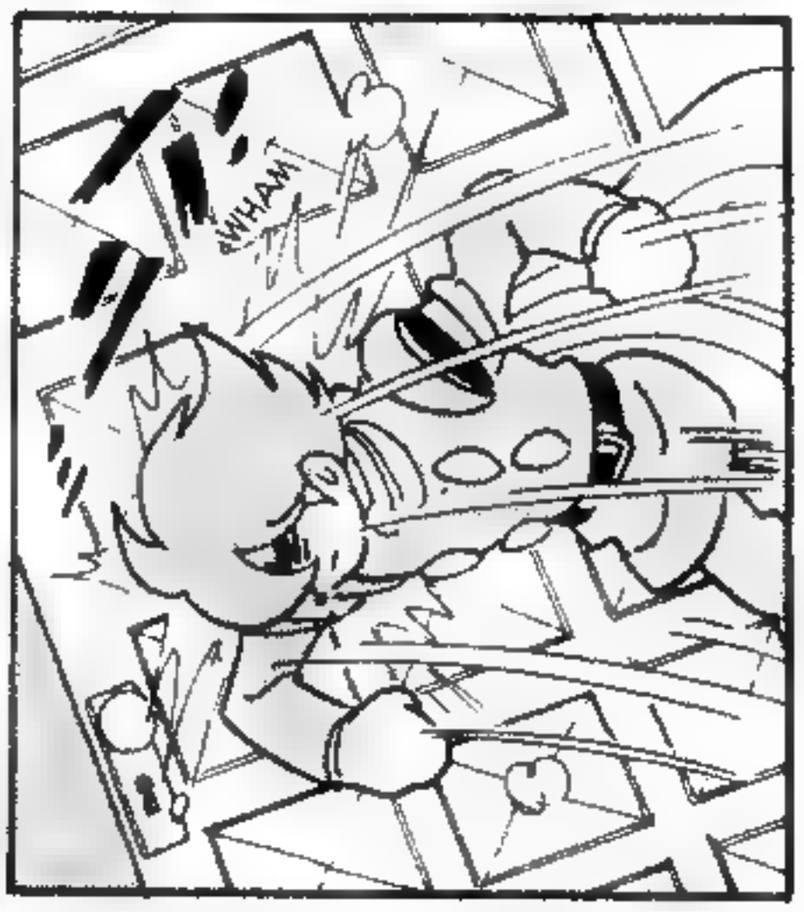
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

THIS WAY!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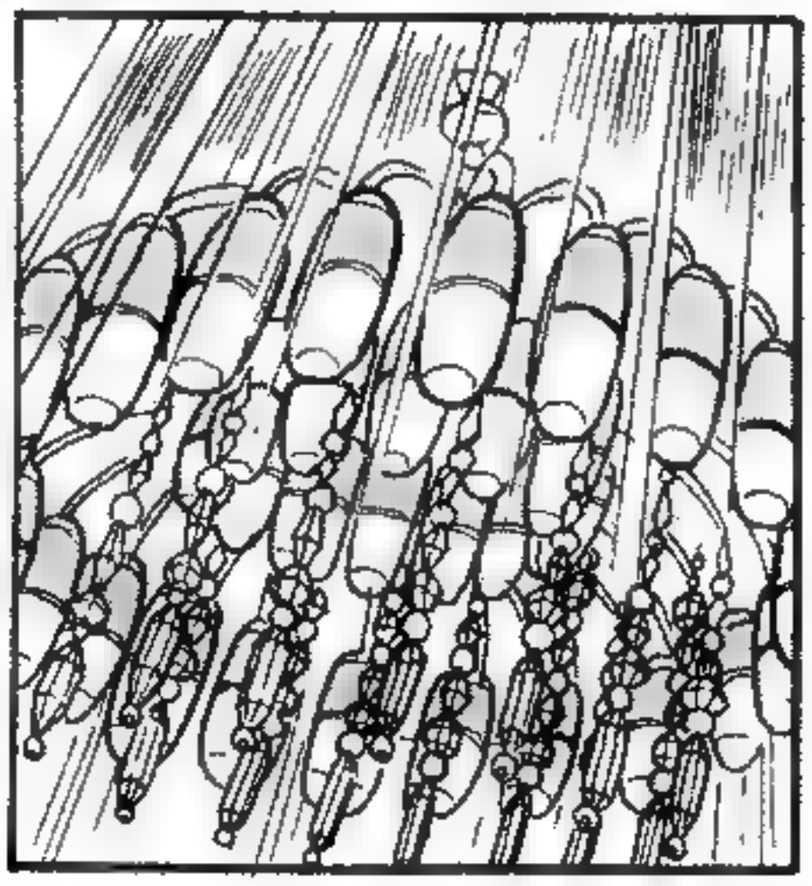


A BOMB DISGUISED AS A CHANDELIER? PRETTY CLASSY.

GAAA

HEE

HEE

MUST HE CACKLE IN THAT SHRILL PITCH?

ME MUM LAUGHED LIKE THAT.

I THOUGHT WE WERE LEAVING.

WE CAME HERE FOR DR. KOZUMI!

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

WAIT!

I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER DOOR.

A H A.

BADDA

BADDA

ZAT

AH!!

WHAM

DAMMIT.

DR. KOZUMI? IS THAT YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

KRAK

GULP.

WAIT, IT COULD JUST BE ANOTHER TRAP!

WHAM

YOU GUYS WAIT HERE.

I'M GOING IN.

IF THAT IS DR. KOZUMI, THEN THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS ROOM IN THE HOUSE.

YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SURE.

IT'S SAFE.

H...HEY 009!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, JUST ESCAPE.

CHAK

WHEW! YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE, MATE!

CHAK

HURRY. UNTIE HIM.

WHUNK

THIS ISN'T DR. KOZUMI!

WAIT!

TIK TIK TIK

CHAK

IT'S A BOMB MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE DR. KOZUMI!

SLAM

BOOM

HUH??

SLAM

HO

Through my "gizzard"....

...and into my bowels.

DSSH

DSSH

DSSH

HUH?

DSSH

DAMN!

WHAT NOW, WATER TORTURE?

DSSH DSSH

And you'll become a part of me.

In other words... you're doomed!

HO HO HO

OKAY, GUYS. ANY MORE BRIGHT IDEAS?

He he he. Soon, my gastric juices will break your bodies down.

PAT PAT

THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

IT MEL-TED!!

FSSH

DRIP

DRIP

LOOK, HE'S NOT JOKING!

TO SHOOT US OUT OF HERE!

NEXT, I'LL USE MY BLAS-TER...

BA

BA

BA

FIRST, YOU'RE GOING TO CALM DOWN...

SUT

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, JOE?

DSSH

SHUU..

DSSH

DSSH

LOOKS LIKE A SPECIAL ALLOY.

MAYBE NOT. YOU BARELY SCRATCHED THE PAINT.

DASH DASH

AIEE.

PAK

YIKES, IT'S GETTING HIGHER.

...LET'S TRY AGAIN.

OKAY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO DIE FEET FIRST.

FEEL FREE TO JOIN US 007!

DASH DASH

HERE GOES.

004, LET'S CONCEN-TRATE OUT FIRE.

I SUPPOSE IT'S WORTH A SHOT!

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHU

DGSH

DGSH

DGSH

DGSH

FLASH

IT DOESN'T MATTER! KEEP FIRING!

BZZT

BZZT

IT'S HEATIN' UP IN HERE...

BINGO!

DA

DA

DA

KRAK

KRK

KRK

GO!

SHU

BLIMEY!

LOOK! THE ACID IS EVEN EATING THE RUBBLE!

TMP
TMP
TMP
QUIET! I HEAR SOMEONE COMING.
THAT COULD HAVE BEEN US SIZZLING TO OBLIVION.
GULP
HMM!
A LOT OF SOME-ONES!
CYBORGS! OPEN FIRE!
BUDDA
BUDDA
?
I WONDER HOW THEY MANAGED TO SUR-VIVE...
AH, THE BOYS IN BLACK MADE IT TOO.
DA DA DA DA DA
BUDDA
BUDDA
YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 009?
THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE BLACK GHOST.

THEY'RE THE REAL ONES BEHIND DR. KOZUMI'S ABDUCTION.

SNEAKY LITTLE DEVILS!

DA

DA

DA

I'LL BET THESE ARE THE GUYS THAT SENT THE FAKE TELEGRAM.

...THESE GUYS ARE NOT OUR ENEMY.

WAIT...

LET ME...

...AND THEY JUST STOOD THERE CHATTING.

WE UNLOADED HUNDREDS OF ROUNDS AT THEM...

DID YOU SEE THAT?

GRAB

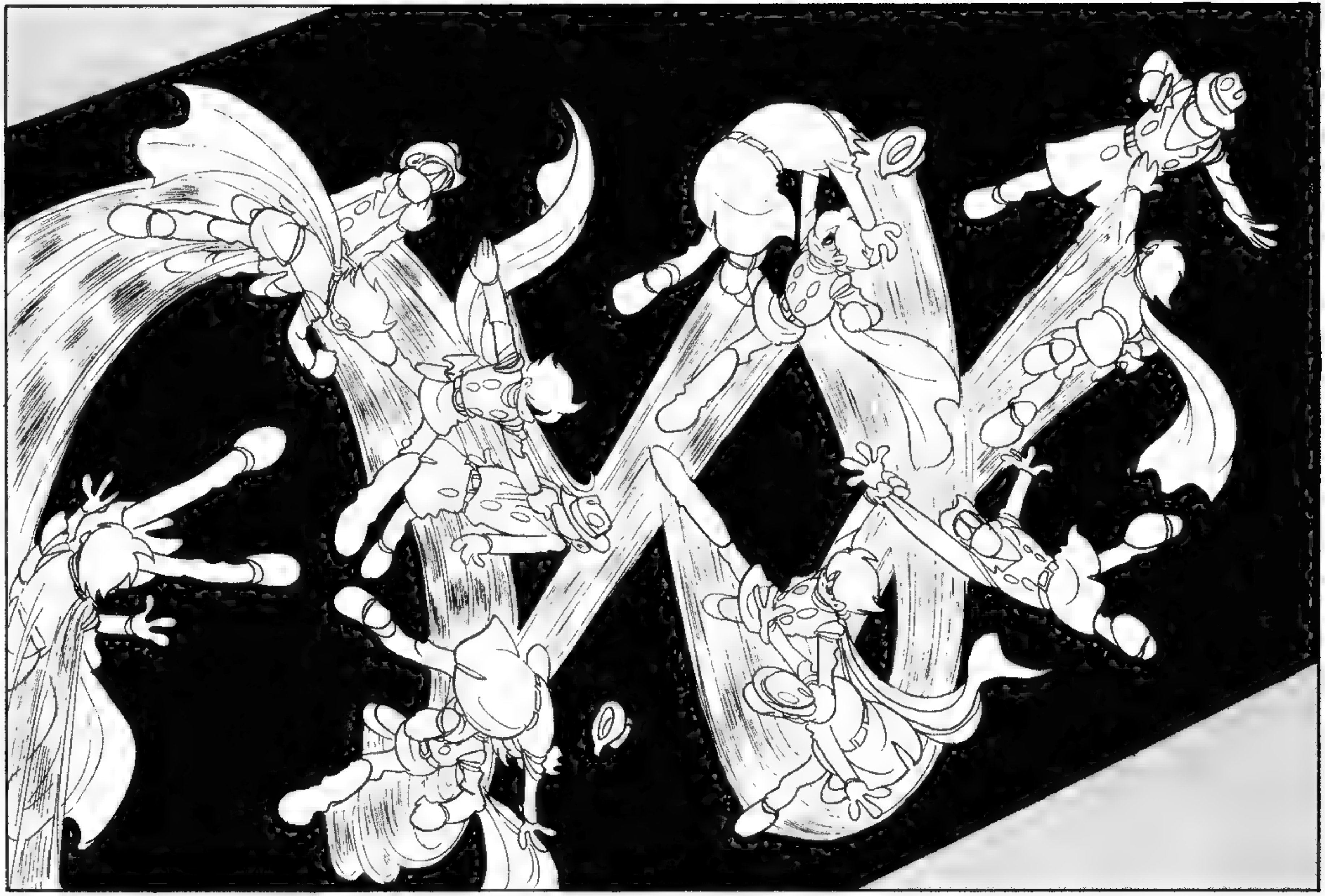
SHJJ

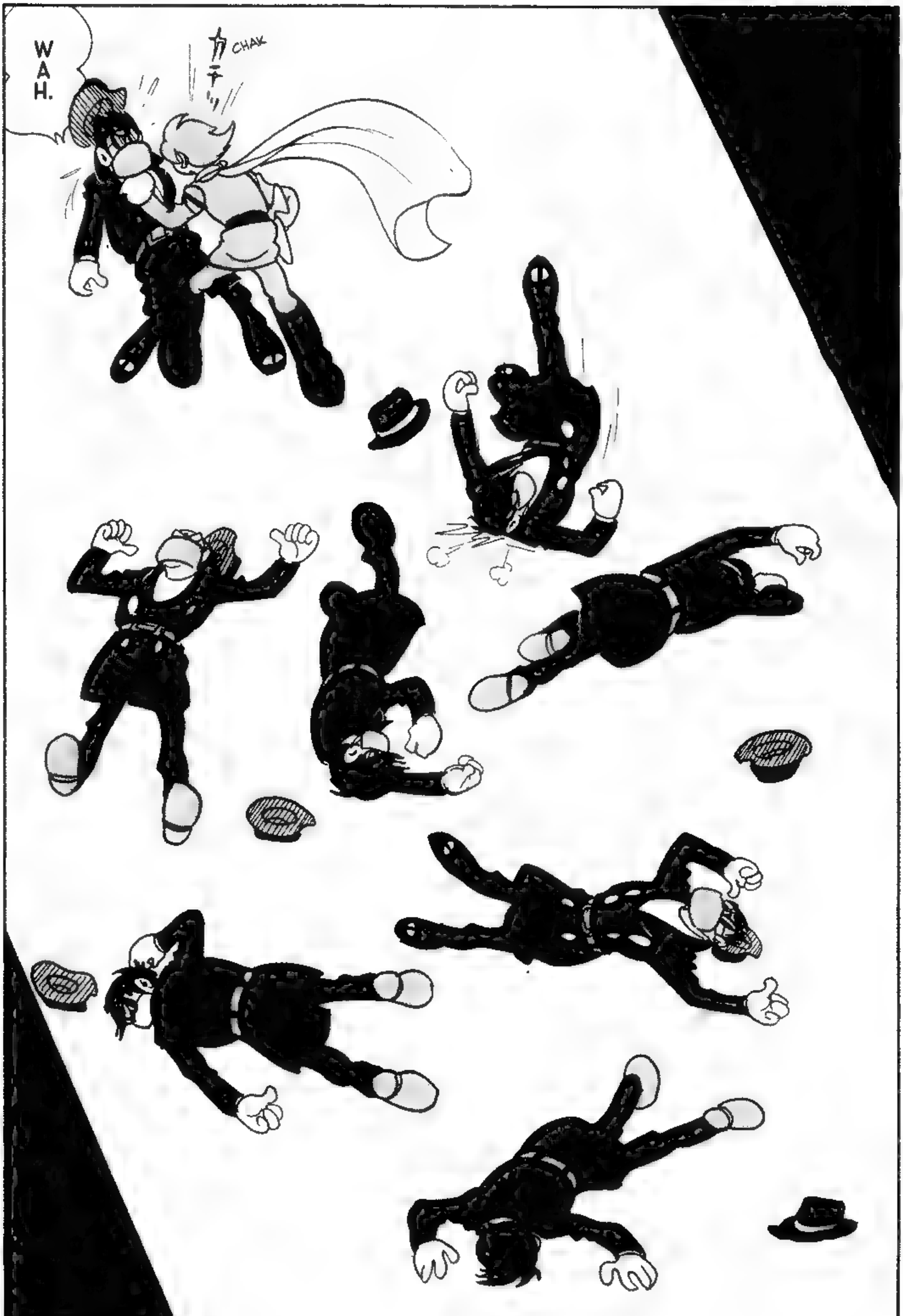
KEEP THEM ALIVE.

kYAAAAAAA!

POIK

GRRK




WAH.
CHAK

NEVER MIND THAT. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS...

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS?

WHAT? WE'RE LOOKIN' FOR HIM.

WHERE'S DR. KOZUMI?!

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?

...BUT AS WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO KIDNAP HIM, SOMEONE GRABBED HIM FROM RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES.

WE SENT HIM A FAKE TELEGRAM...

THE POTION OF EVER-LASTING YOUTH.

WE...WE WERE AFTER HIS NEWEST FORMULA.

...WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH DR. KOZUMI?

ガス

SMAK

HEH.

A...A DRUG COMPANY. THEY OFFERED US A MINT.

NOT HIM AGAIN!

It doesn't matter because you've failed in saving your precious doctor!

HE HE HE HE HE

AND THEN WE'RE OUTTA HERE, RIGHT?

WE WILL SEARCH FOR DR. KOZUMI RELENT-LESSLY...

WHY, YOU CAN BARELY SAVE YOURSELVES! HOW SAD!

YOUR EFFORTS ARE FOR NAUGHT!

NOW EVERY CORNER OF THIS MANSION IS DANGEROUS...

WHAM

YOU MEAN 0012'S BRAIN! GOOD PLAN!

004, 007... CHANGE OF PLANS...

BEFORE WE RESCUE DR. KOZUMI...

...I SAY WE FIND THE SOURCE OF ALL THIS PEST... AND CRUSH IT.

BZT

BZT

BZT

TAKE THIS, YOU LOUSY...!

BZZZT

...SO WATCH YOUR STEP.

HOLY SMOKE!

LET'S GET THE DOCTOR OUT OF HERE!

THEY'RE GETTING TOO CLOSE!

HURRY!

HUH?

TWIST

TWIST

TWIST

BZZ

BZZ

BZZ

HEY 0012, IN YOUR CONFUSION, YOU LET IT SLIP...

DR. KOZUMI IS INSIDE YOUR BRAIN!

BZZT

WE'RE COMING TO GET HIM... AND THEN, YOU KNOW WHAT?

WE'RE GONNA GET YOU!

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

THE BRAIN CENTER OF 0012!!

WE MADE IT!

LOOK!

OHH!

UH.

NO!

WHAT?

VROOM

GET UP, YOU LAZY SCHLUBS!

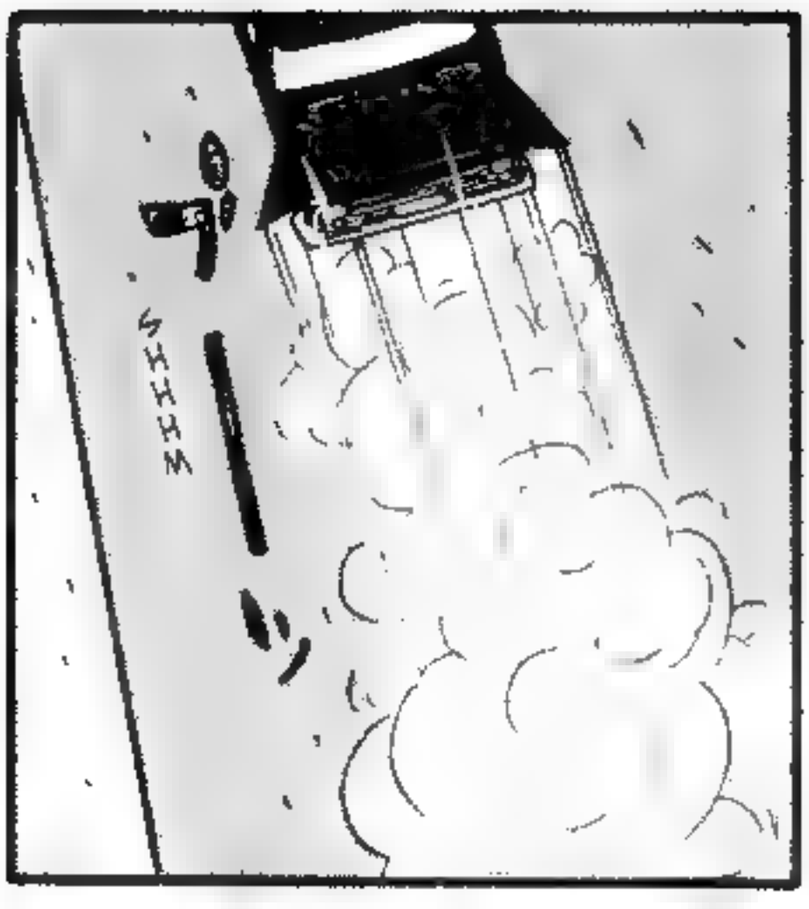
...WAKE UP!

HEY EVERY-ONE...

HUH?

BLINK

IT'S DR. KOZUMI!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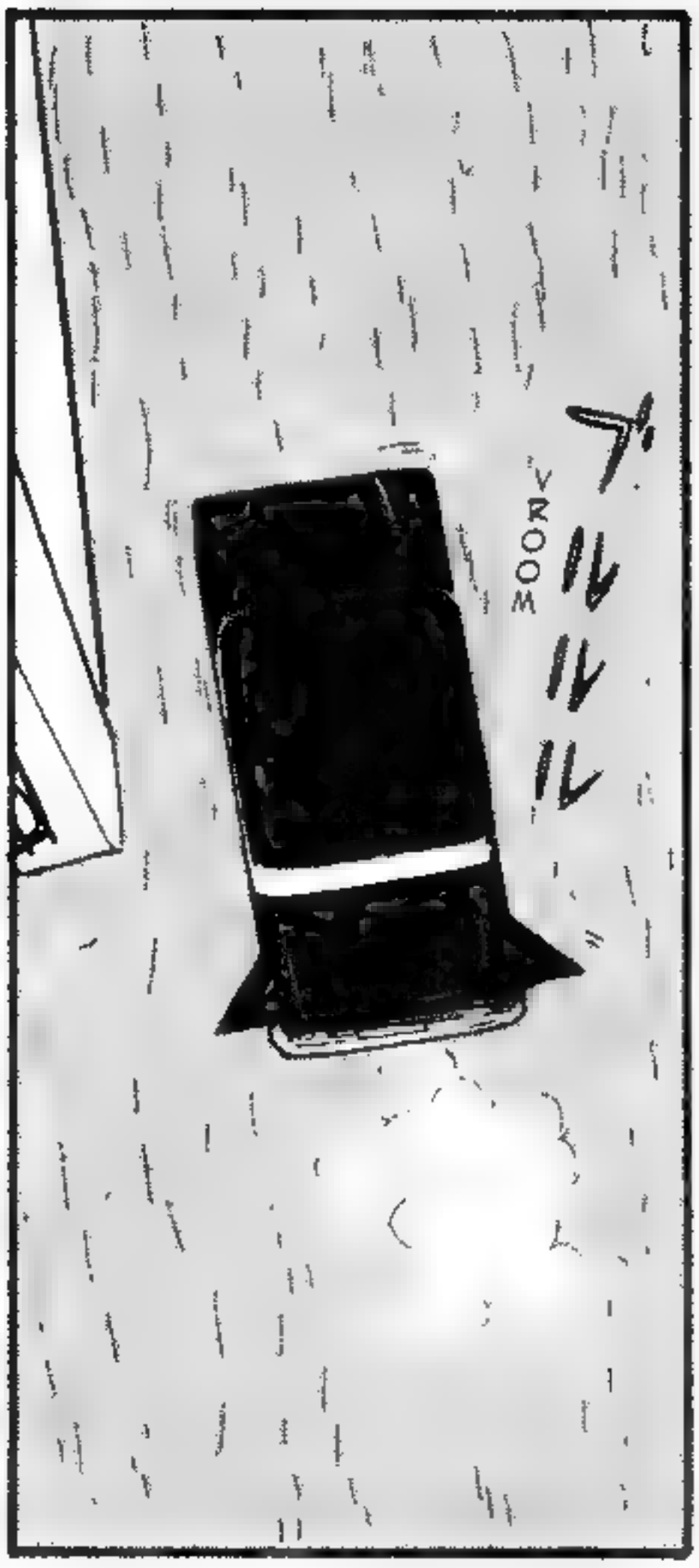
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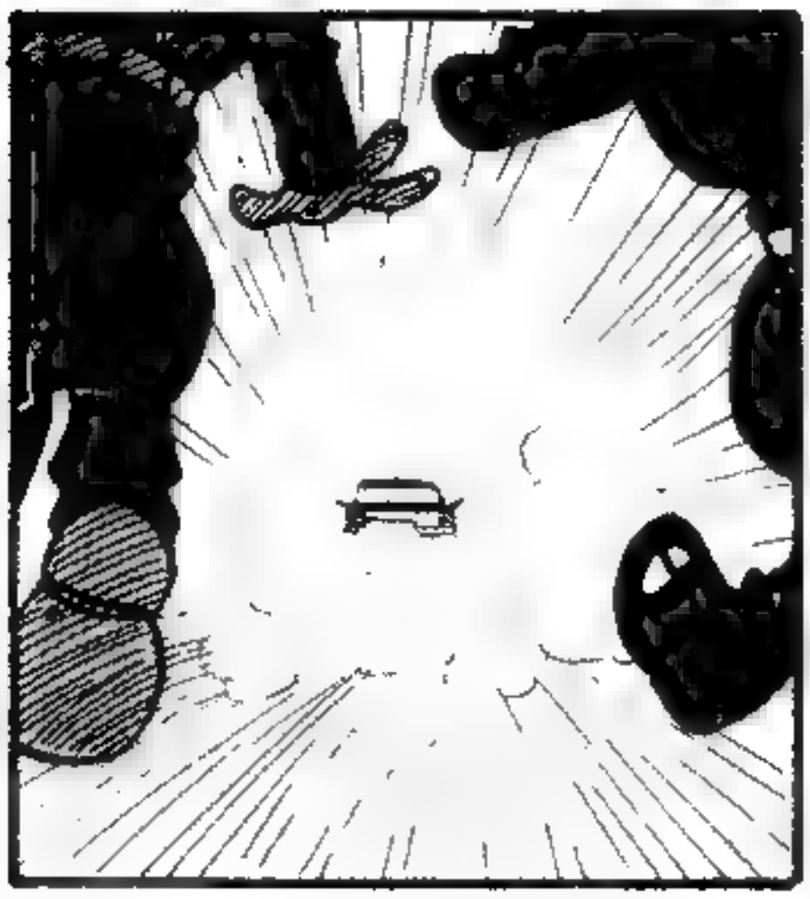
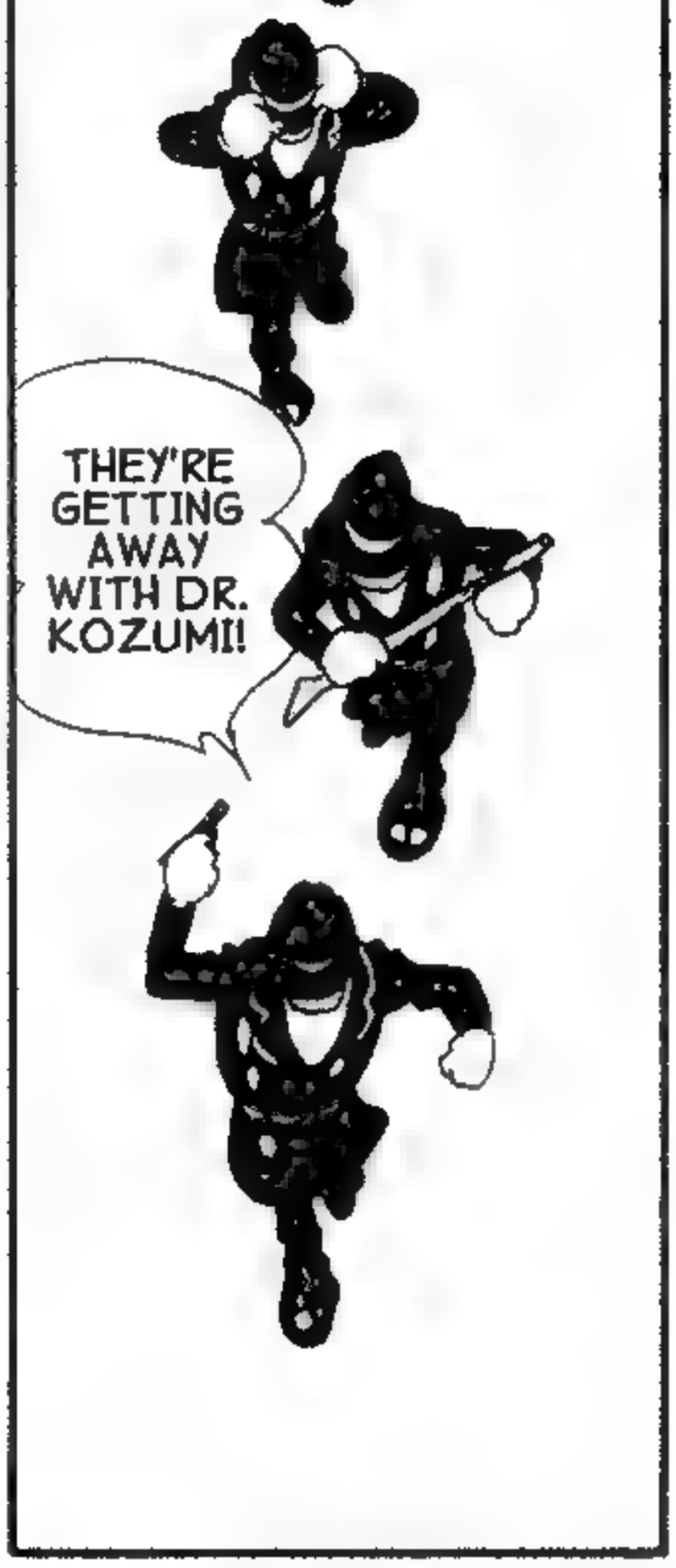
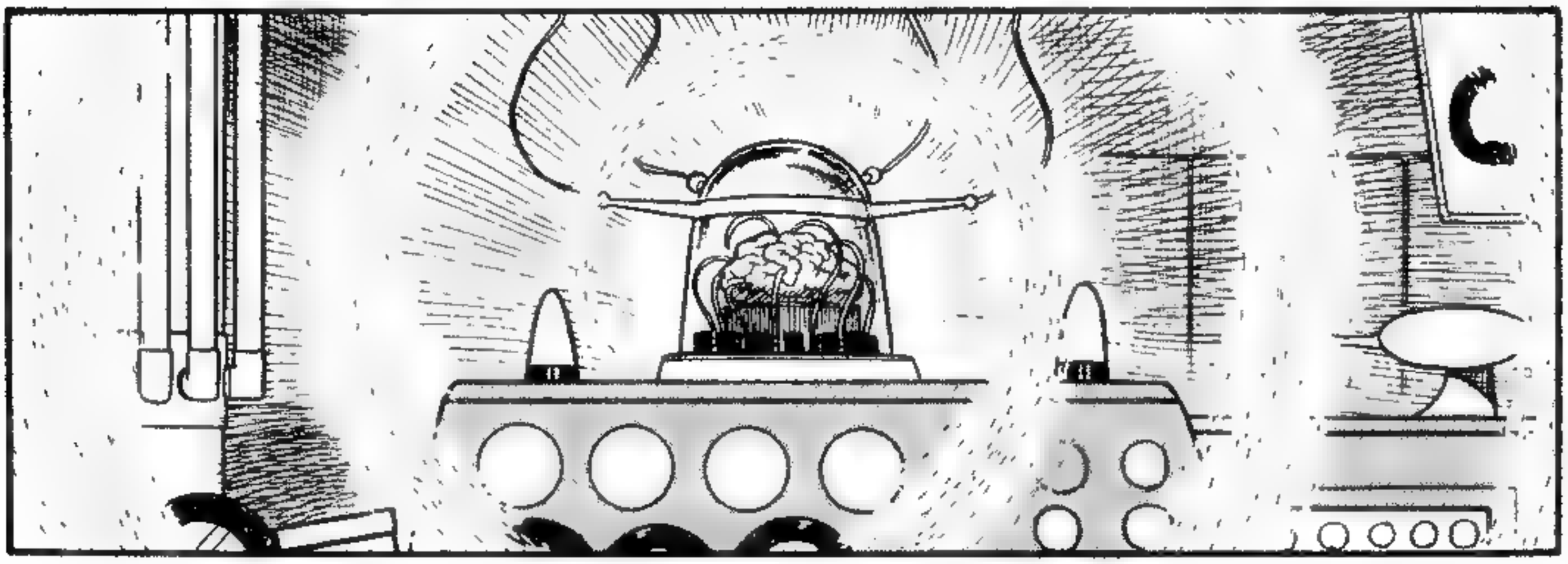



THEY'RE GETTING AWAY WITH DR. KOZUMI!



VEEEEN

ARGH... MY HEAD...?!

VROOM

VEEEEN

ウィィィィィ

VEEEEN

ウィィィィィ

UGH...

IT FEELS LIKE... IT'S GOING TO... EXPLODE!

WHAM

WAAH!

Does it feel like you're going a little... INSANE?

What's wrong? Are my ultrasonic brainwaves too intense for you?

HE HE HE HE HE HE.

He he he he he

VEEN

Before long, you'll be BEGGING me to finish you. He he he.

If builds character!

He he he, insanity is good.

GUH...

VEEEEN

VEEN

DAMN.

CHAK

THUD

ZZP

KACK

HUH?

BZZT

BZZT

BZZT

BZZT

GYAAAAAAAAA

SHUU

SHUU

SHUU

GOOD...

...JOB!

BZZT

BZZT

Connect the line!! Put on the container lid!!

Help me!! Please help me!!

TELL US WHERE DR. KOZUMI IS.

ON ONE CONDI-TION...

WE'LL HELP YOU!

AFTER WHAT YOU DID...?

HE HE. YOU GOTTA BE KID-DING ME!

WHERE DID THEY TAKE HIM?

TO WHERE?

CARRIED HIM AWAY?

Please!! The pain!!

My servants carried him away.

BZZT

00... 13...

WHAT'S IN TOKYO?

WHY?

To... Tokyo.

OH NO!!

OOPS.

AMEN.

BOOM

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HUH?

THE HOUSE IS SHAKING ITSELF APART!

GA

GA

GA

GA

TIME TO GO!

004! 007!

DOOM

DO

DO

DO

GARA

GARA

WAH.

DO

GARA

DO

CHAK

BOOOM

CHAK

OHH!

GAA

GA GA GA

WHOA!

WHOA!

WHOA!

GA
GA
GA

...I THINK HE WAS TRYING TO GIVE HIMSELF A PROPER BURIAL.

NO...

...0012 JUST DIDN'T GIVE UP. HE WAS STILL TRYING TO KILL US.

DAMMIT...

.....

SHNN

I'LL TRY TO HEAD THEM OFF EN ROUTE.

ACCORDING TO 0012, HE'S ON HIS WAY TO TOKYO... TO 0013!

WHAT ABOUT KOZUMI?

THAT'S IT. I'M GOING TO GET ME ONE OF THOSE ACCELERATION SWITCHES.

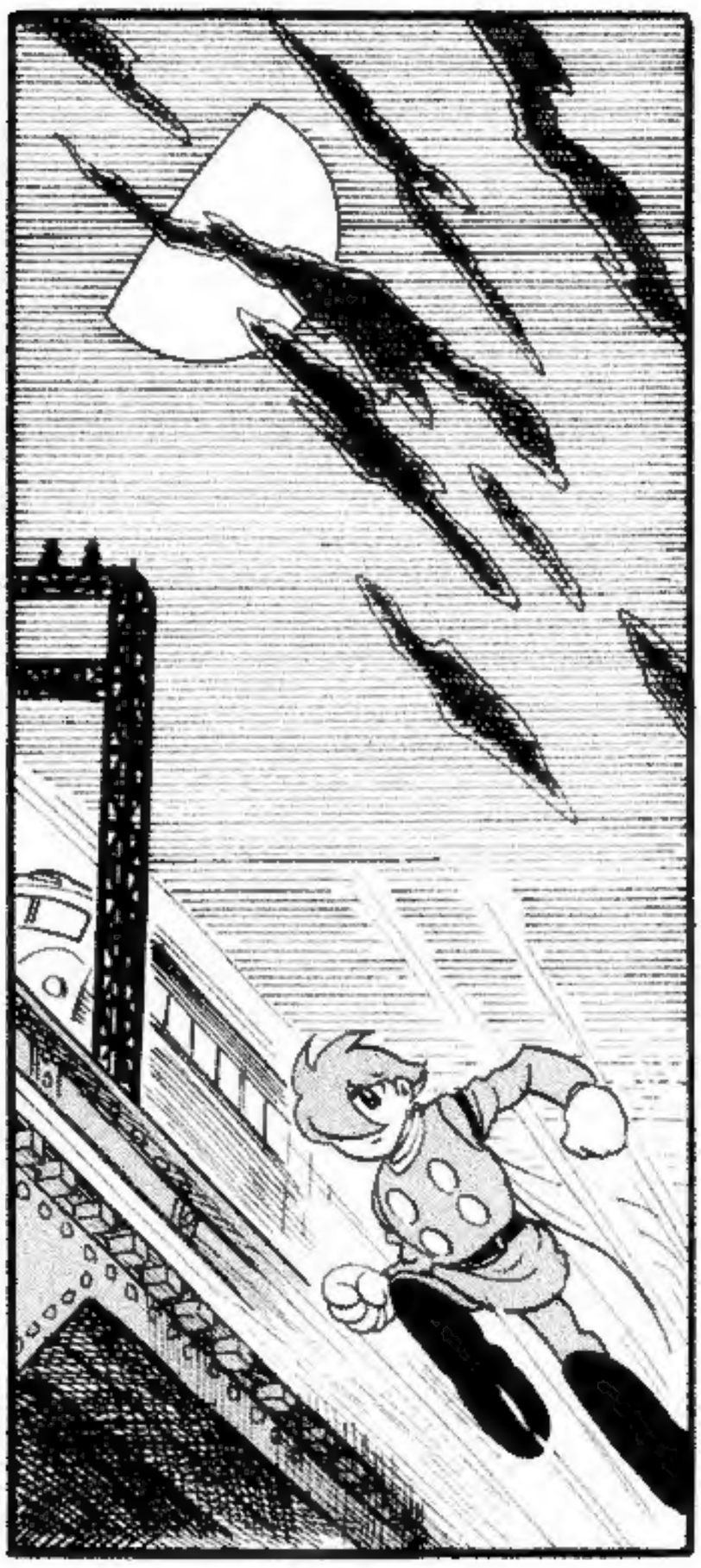
HEH, KID'S GOT SPUNK.

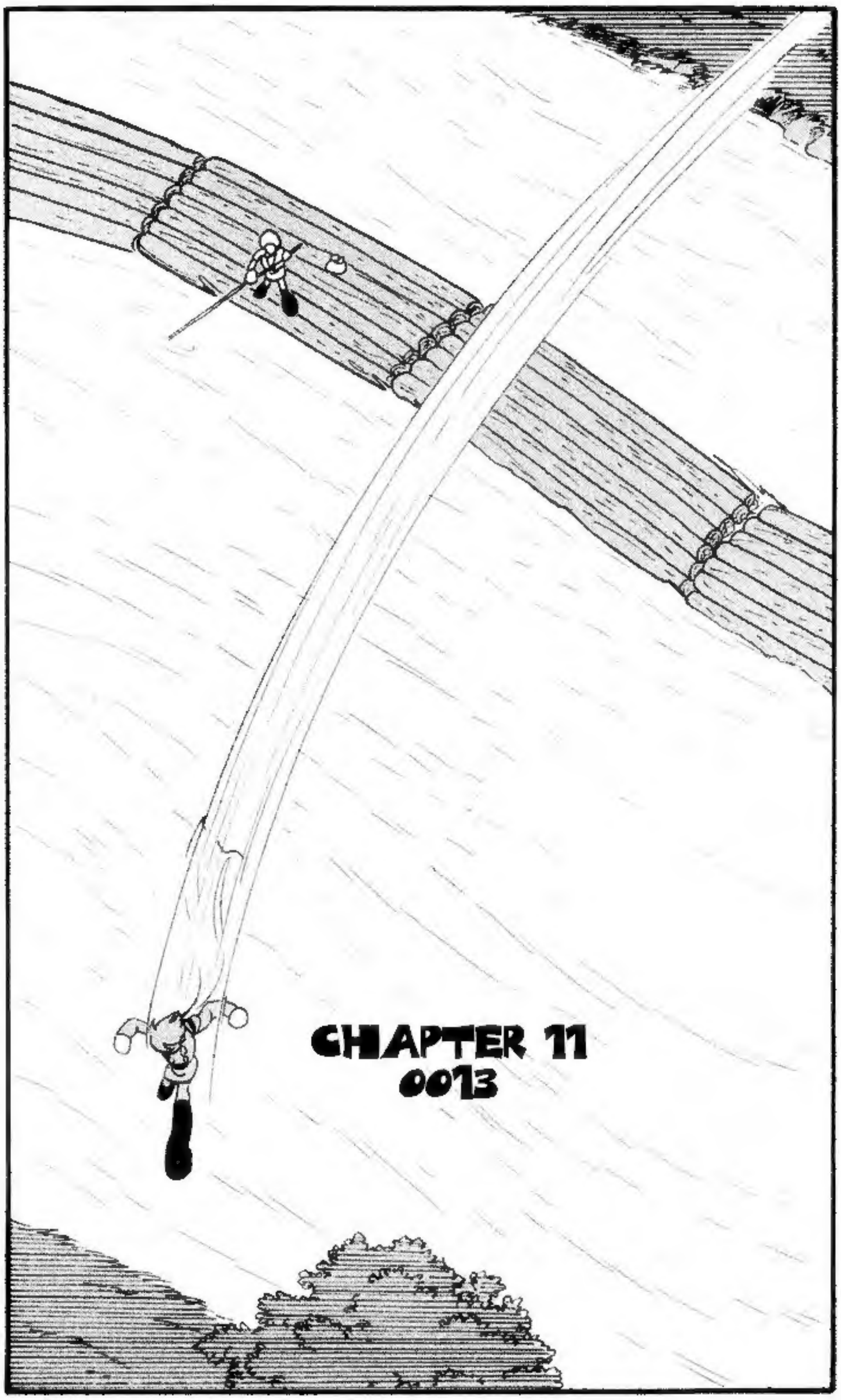
ACCEL-ERATE!!!

YOU GUYS GO TELL THE OTHERS...

VOOOM

DASH

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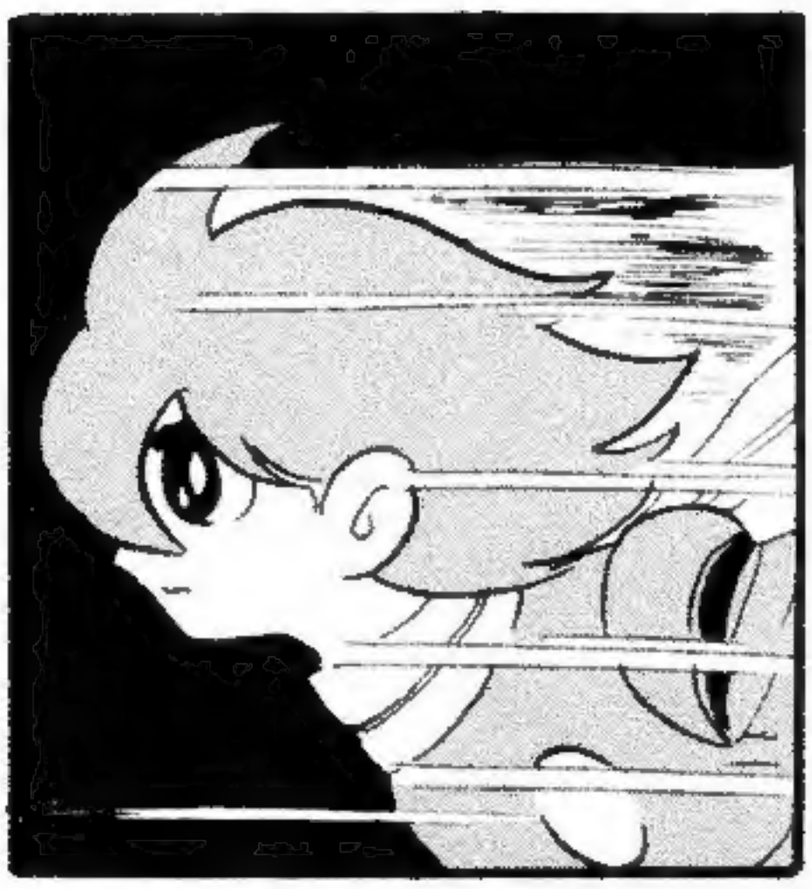

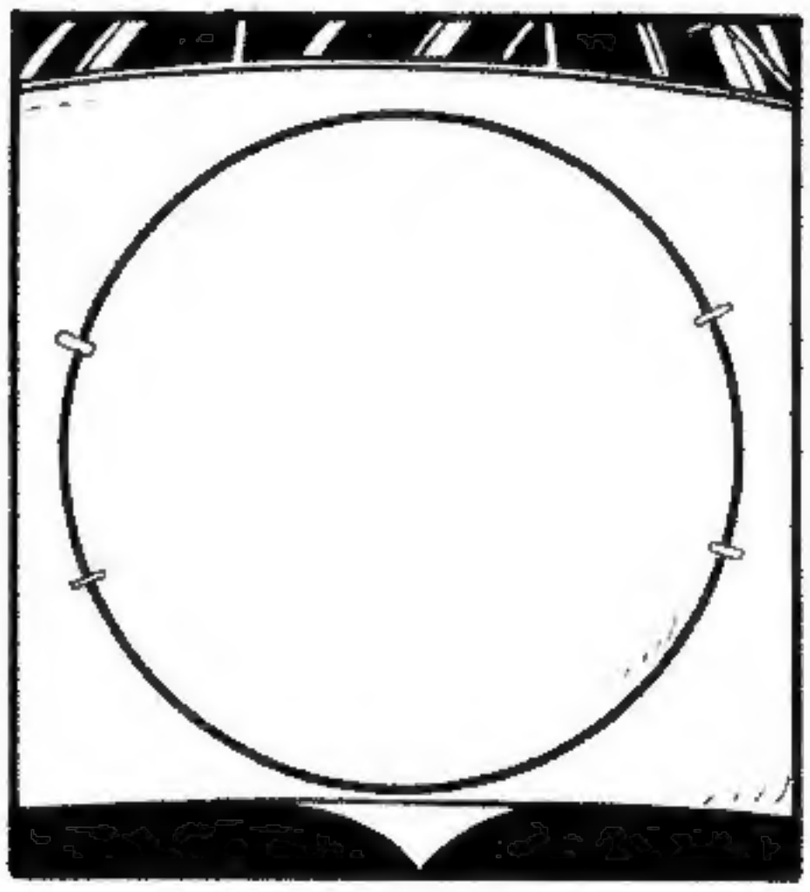

THE SUPER-TRAIN EXPRESS.

I'D HITCH A RIDE, BUT IT'D ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.

ZOOOM

HEH.

MMM MM.

DID YOU SEE A GUY RUNNING?

GAAA

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